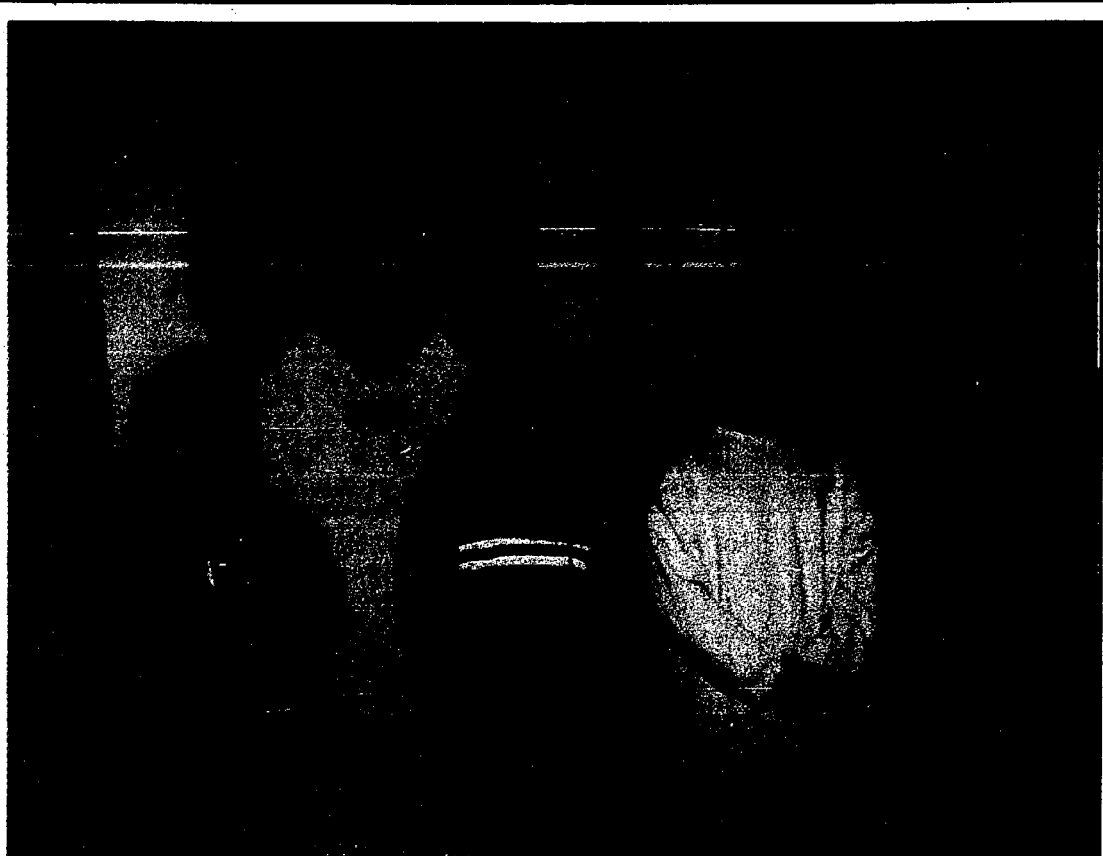




CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

Thursday, January 22, 1998



FINALISTS -- Jodi Riddle (left), winner of Level I, along with Jenna Frankowski, Jon Nash and Thomas Earls are four finalists selected at the Knights of Columbus spelling bee. Photos by Cheryll Ruley.

'Grief' causes some grief

Top spellers move to next level

by Cheryll A. Ruley
Special Writer

The seventh Annual Knights of Columbus State Spelling Bee got underway on Saturday, Jan. 17, with the local phase of competition.

The state spelling bee consists of two levels of contestants. Level I for students in grades four through six and Level II for students in grades seven through nine.

Level I Champion is Jodie Riddle, a 10 year-old fifth grader at Grayling Elementary School (GES). Jodie spelled "grief" correctly to clinch the title.

After receiving her trophy, Jodie laughed and said, "I was really nervous and shaking." Jodie studied the spelling bee's word list for a week before the competition.

Second place was taken by Jenna Frankowski, a GES fourth grade student. Tied for third place was Jon Nash, a GES fifth grader, and Thomas Earls, in sixth grade at Grayling Middle School (GMS).

There were 13 Level I entrants, with no students representing Frederic Elementary School.

These four students, along with Cody Myers, Level II Champion, will go on to compete at the District Finals in Gaylord on Feb. 22.

Myers, a seventh grader at GMS, competed against a few non-entry students and two adults to obtain his title. There were no other Level II entrants. Myers spelled "zenith" correctly to capture his title.

This was Cody's first spelling

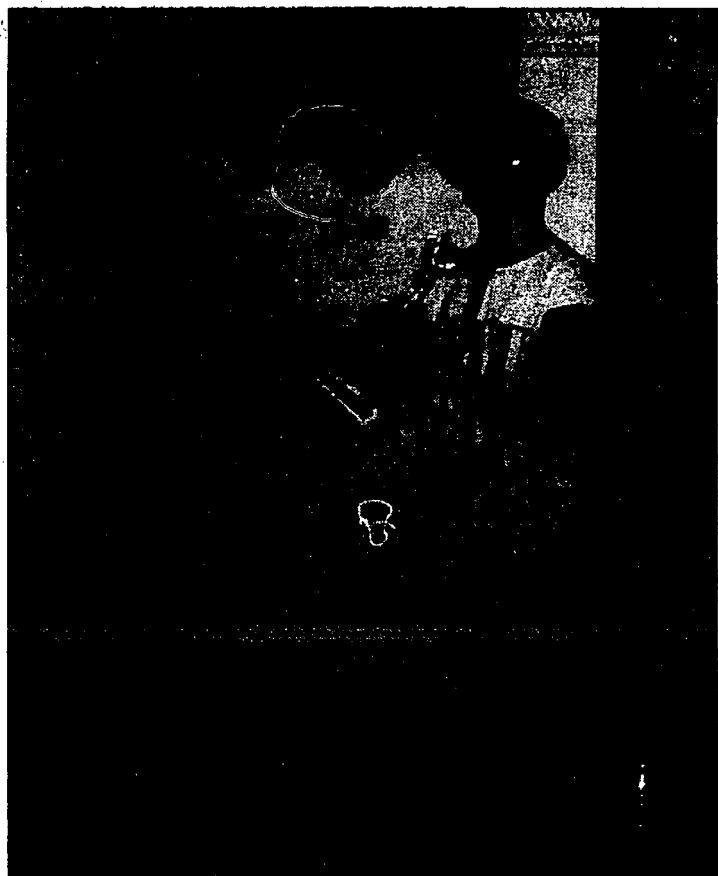
bee. "I've gone to other spelling bees just to watch and thought I'd give it a try myself," said Cody.

He is looking forward to the district competition, where he is sure to have competitors of his own level.

Marlyn Neuberger, in charge of the local K of C State Spelling Bee,

said that the turn-out was better than last year, but would like to see more parents and teachers encourage the kids to participate in the bees.

"I guess they (the children) are just more interested in sports," remarked Neuberger resignedly.



TROPHY WINNER -- Cody Myers receives his trophy from Ellen Thompson, Grayling teacher, who served as celebrity pronouncer at the K of C Spelling Bee.

Drug task force to meet Jan. 26

The Crawford AuSable Board of Education, community members and several community agencies are collaborating to form a Safe and Drug Free Schools Task Force.

The purpose of the task force will be to identify actions, which parents private citizens businesses, governmental agencies, and community organizations can take to influence students to remain alcohol, tobacco, and drug free.

This community task force effort is one of a four-point program. The other three parts consist of educational programming; school activities that promote being alcohol, tobacco, and drug free; and student organizations that focus on peer influence.

Anyone interested in becoming part of this planning and problem

solving effort is invited to the organizational meeting in the AuSable Primary media center on Monday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m.

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Look Sharp!

Snowmobiles can pose danger, as well as fun

by Shirley D. Schmooch
Special Writer

The tranquility and beauty of the AuSable River is deceiving.

Snowmobiles from other areas come to experience the area's natural wonders, and that's as it should be. But, as many visitors know little about the ruggedness of our county's terrain, they will usually follow the trails made by other riders.

This can be equally deceiving — and dangerous.

On Grayling's west side, there's a bridge on M-72 which spans the river. On one side of the bridge is a snowmobile/biking crossover; on the other is open water.

As can be expected at night, non-local riders tend to follow others closely, the fear of getting lost in unfamiliar surroundings a very real occurrence. Consequently, these riders naturally watch for previously made trails, and there are two very distinct trails in this area. The south trail leads across the bridge, but the other leads directly into the AuSable River.

Should a danger sign be posted in this area?

Another area of concern is railroad rights-of-way.

Following the railroad tracks on a snowmobile is as common as walking them in the summer time. It may be an unsafe thing to do, winter or summer, but it's done every day.

The City of Grayling does not yet have a clear ingress-egress plan marked for visitors on snowmobiles. Without a well-defined pathway in and out of town, riders go everywhere, especially along the railroad tracks.

The local train yard is usually filled with waiting railroad cars, but several trains a day go through town. When a train is using the trestle across the river near the county courthouse, there is no room at all for snowmobiles on the side of the tracks.

Yet another problem area is riders crossing the main roads.

At all times of day and night, visitors to the area can be seen waiting to cross the main thoroughfares, especially near the I-75 Business

Loop, M-72 both west and east, and US-27 North which divides and becomes M-93 north of town by the Grayling High School.

Snowmobiles may be watching for automobile or truck traffic, but they are somewhat hampered by the sound of their own machines and by the restrictions of their helmets, with regard to sight. Conventional motorists should be alert.

Finally, the ice cover on area lakes is very poor.

The Grayling area is blessed with many inland lakes, but poor ice cover has been a bane this winter. This may be mid-January, but it has not been a mean winter so far.

Last week's temperatures were

cold, but the cold has not been consistent, which means the ice is thin, especially toward the middle of the lakes. Because of heavy snowfall acts as an insulator, the ice beneath that snow is very weak, especially on spring-fed lakes like Lake Margrethe, which is 80 feet deep in some spots.

To date, 13 snowmobile riders have died in Michigan, including several who have fallen through thin ice. Meteorologist for the National Weather Service, Dennis Dixon, said "People see ice on the surface of a lake for a couple of days and they think it's safe. The ice is thinner than it's been in years this late in the season."



LOOK ALL WAYS -- Snowmobiles crossing main roads can cause problems, not only for the snowmobiles but also for autos, too, emphasizing the need for caution.



WATCH FOR TRAINS -- Snowmobiles seemingly are everywhere in Grayling this time of year. Trains also can be an added hazard. Photos by Shirley Schmooch.

Franklin resignation leaves vacancy on Crawford AuSable school board

by Cheryll A. Ruley
Special Writer

"It was a difficult decision," said Linda Franklin, regarding her resignation from the Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education.

Franklin has served as a trustee and most recently as secretary, for two and one-half years. Her resignation is because of a change in jobs at the Crawford County Courthouse.

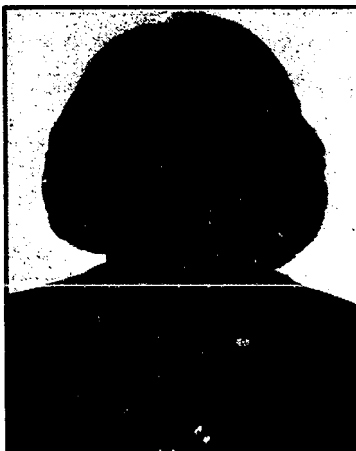
Franklin's new position as probate registrar would possibly create a conflict of interest status if she remained a member of the school board, although, exactly how legally, is unclear.

Judge John Hunter said that, "because of the quasi-judicial nature of the probate registrar position", even a perceived conflict of interest needs to be avoided.

Franklin's new position will put her in contact with files pertaining to family law and juvenile court cases. As secretary of the school board, she possibly would have contact with juveniles involved in those same family court cases, or those who would be referred to court services by the board.

School superintendent Kent Reynolds agreed that the board must be careful in any area where a question of ethics could arise. But, he said he is very sorry to see Linda leave her position.

Reynolds said, "It will take some adjusting to regain the continuity of



Linda Franklin

the board after Linda departs. However, I'm confident that we will find the right person to fill the position."

Reynolds said he understands the court's position to keep standards high in its new Family Court Demonstration pilot project and doesn't want "even a hint" of a conflict of interest.

Judge Hunter remarked that the project is just too important to create a potential ethics problem.

"I try to impress on all of my people the reason why we are here. That is to gain and maintain the trust of those we serve in Family Court," the judge explained.

Judge Hunter said he is looking forward to working with Linda and that "she is a top-notch person".

To accept her new job as probate registrar, Franklin left a post as Deputy County Clerk-Register of Deeds.

School board opens search to fill the seat

The remaining six members of the Crawford AuSable School District board will fill the seat left open by the resignation of Linda Franklin.

Any eligible resident of the school district who wishes to be considered for appointment can pick up an application at the school's central office, 403 Michigan Ave., in Grayling.

State law requires quick action when a vacancy occurs on a school board. The appointment must be made within three weeks.

In the Crawford AuSable situation, applications must be submitted on an approved form by 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 30, 1998.

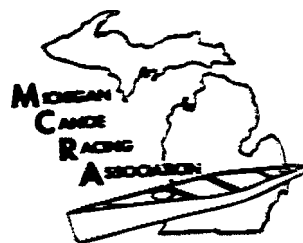
After interviews scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 5, the appointment will be made at the Feb. 9 regular school board meeting.

School board members must live within the school district and be at least 18 years of age. Employees of the school district are not eligible.

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Townline Road Bridge to be replaced

by Shirley D. Schmeck
Special Writer

The Townline Road bridge isn't out, but almost. The bridge sags distally over the West Branch of Big Creek, a tributary of the South Branch of the AuSable River in central Lovells Township, Crawford County.

Sealed bids for the construction of the new bridge were opened on Jan. 16 at the Road Commission For Crawford County offices on M-72 East in Grayling.

Those participating in the bidding process were:

Cordes Excavating, AuLam Corporation of Grand Haven, S.L. & H Contracting of Corunna, Milbocker & Sons of Allegan, Ryba Marine Construction of Cheboygan, and Prince Bridge & Marine Ltd. of Grand Haven.

The bids disclosed a rather wide sweep of estimated costs, from a low of \$376,590 to a high of \$508,032.37. The successful bidder will be identified at a meeting of the Road Commission For Crawford County on Jan. 22.

Of the six bids submitted, James Briney, managing director for the Road Commission, said "We must examine them for content. They must meet the design specifications, and we must also be certain that the contractor can deliver the project on time. Having the lowest bid does not guarantee that contractor the



CRUMBLING BRIDGE - Townline Bridge in Lovells Township has been crumbling from erosion and water damage. The Road Commission For Crawford County hopes to replace it soon. Photo by Pat Merrill.

job."

The turn-of-the-century Townline Road bridge was closed in 1994 due to massive crumbling of the cement decking. Road commission crews installed a low-cost, temporary bridge over the troubled span, which was purchased earlier from a

contractor. This interim action did allow the bridge to reopen while a possible source of funds could be identified and a new design for the bridge could be considered.

A timber bridge similar to several installed this past year in the county cannot be located at this site, because the roadbed must be brought up 14 feet, placing the under-bridge bed at about six feet above the water. The span of the new bridge will be 72 feet long, and it will be nine feet high and 16 feet wide.

The crumbling of the old concrete bridge has occurred not only due to age, but because of the backwash of the water's flow against the structure's foundations. Craig Schripsema, civil engineer for Northwest Design Group of Charlevoix, said "When water's constricted, and it's very narrow under the bridge, it flows much faster."

"Because the old bridge itself had so severely constricted the flow,

perhaps by as much as half the width of the creek, the water had eroded and washed out the pilings beneath the old bridge."

Presently, motorists must stop on either side of the one-lane temporary bridge. Due to extensive dipping in the road bed, if cars meet, especially in the winter, somebody must back up the hill on one side or the other.

The new bridge will be a pre-cast concrete, three-sided box culvert with steel pilings and reinforcements. The site will be cleared and extensive environmental caution will be taken to preserve the creek's natural integrity. Sodding, roadside re-seeding, and anchoring mulch will complete the site work, and a silt fence and sediment basins will be installed, as well.

Most of the work around the site will be done to guard the surrounding banks from more erosion. The

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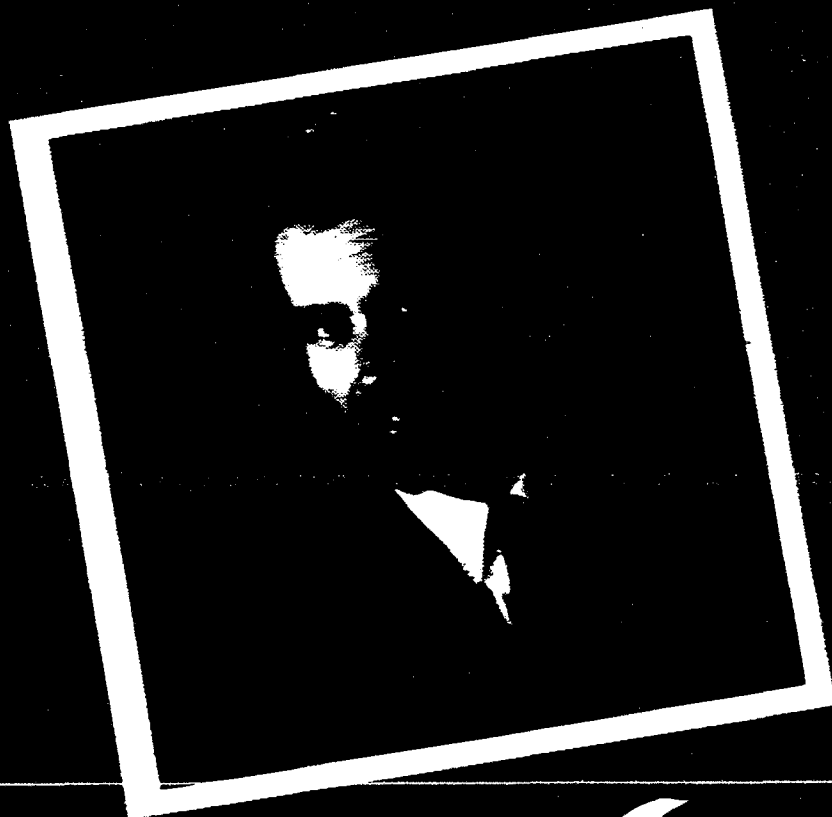
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City treasurer job still open

The Grayling City Treasurer's job is still vacant, but the city has received "a lot of applications," City Manager Jerry Morford told city council last week (Jan. 12).

The post has been vacant since Verna Meharg submitted her resignation in November.

Morford indicated he hasn't settled yet on a new job description to fit the duties of the job as it may be reconstituted. The treasurer's duties so far have been divided between two employees already in the office, Morford said, who were "doing a great job."

The city has been advertising for the treasurer's job, including ads in *The Avalanche*.

The ad says "the day to day work consists of normal accounting functions and treasurer duties, including direct supervision of one employee and responsibility for administration of the City Income Tax."

It says the successful applicant "must possess a high level of competence in computer operations and be able to operate independently" using the office's existing book-keeping programs. It does not list a pay level, but says "current salary mid \$30,000, and with a full fringe benefit package."

Meharg was paid \$25,460 when she was hired as treasurer six years ago, and her pay was up to \$36,100 when she resigned.

Grayling City Council also took up a few assorted items on Jan. 12:

— Inquiry has been received from MCI Wireless about a digital communications tower, and wondering if the city would permit MCI to use the city's water tower. Morford said he would look into it.

— Council member Marilyn Palmer asked again about the status of new street equipment, and Morford said he has been studying specifications. He indicated it was mostly a one-man job to get specifications, look around at what's available and at what price, and then make a decision. "If you do it by committee," he said, "you'll never get it done."

— Palmer also asked about a lawsuit against the city by former housing department employee Walter Galvani over his pension. She said she first learned of it when she read a story in *The Avalanche*. Morford replied he has been instructed by legal counsel not to discuss the Galvani suit, and Mayor Ralph Stevens suggested that "it's best not to conduct city business in the newspaper."

— Lack of snow is not all bad, even in the northland. Morford reported city crews have been able to change street signs, renovate stop signs and raise fire hydrants, getting the work completed during the unusually mild weather.

'Answer Man' one year old

After fielding nearly a thousand phone calls in the last year and responding to another hundred e-mails, Dee Smith is still excited about being the small business Answer Man.

"One of the greatest joys of my job is this: I don't know if the next person I help will end up someday being another Bill Gates," he said.

The Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM) "Answer Man" service has celebrated one year in operation. Small business owners, would-be entrepreneurs and everyone else with questions about starting or operating a small business have been talking to Smith by phone every Wednesday at the SBAM office in Lansing. Smith, the "Answer Man," is the Regional Small Business Development Center Director at Lansing Community College.

"There's an enthusiasm to the callers that's easy to be caught up in," Smith said. "They're so excited. There is so much opportunity in America today and they want to be a part of it."

The most common question Smith gets, by far, is "How do I start a small business?" followed by "How do I get a loan?" Other questions deal with how to file a business name, marketing, finding insurance, tax information and minority/women owned business

issues.

People with questions can get personal answers from Smith every Wednesday at 800-362-5461 or (517) 482-8788, or through SBAM's web site: www.sbam.org/resource/answerman.htm.

Townline Road Bridge

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damage of the creek's banks has been extensive in this area, and underdrains will also be required to prevent further deterioration.

The successful contractor will also be responsible for not only disposing of the old bridge, but returning the temporary structure to the road commission.

Funding sources and participants in this project are Huron Pines Resource & Development (\$120,000) and Lovells Township (\$20,000). Federal funding through the cooperation of the Michigan Department of Transportation is included in the Huron Pines portion of the project.

Additionally, the road commission's budgets for 1997 and 1998 have included funds to complete this erosion control and road/bridge replacement project. The current timing is expected to take full advantage of deadlines imposed on the use of the other funds.

Since the first bid opening in 1997, an additional \$40,000 has been identified as support from environmental interests and a variety of partners concerned with the successful accomplishment of this bridge work.

Briney said that the date targeted for completion of the project is estimated to be mid-year 1998.

"There will be more work done on roads in Crawford County in 1998. We're able to state this as a result of the program recently announced by the Michigan Department of Transportation," he said.

"As scheduled, we are looking forward to the Business Loop through Grayling being milled and paved, along with other projects, yet to be announced."



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by Richard Milliman

Retirement job ... and then some

THE STORY of Vaklas Adamkus is one of the more fascinating tales to come along in real life in quite some time.

It's the stuff of legend. It could appear on one of those made-for-TV Movies, probably running over three or four nights to do it justice.

Vaklas Adamkus was born in Lithuania, fled from the Nazis and the Russians in the World War II era, won some medals in the 1948 European Olympic Games in track and field, then emigrated to the United States.

He worked in an American factory before getting an engineering degree, then went to work for the U.S. government, wound up in the tough field of environment protection, and retired last June as Chicago regional administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency.

So far, the life of Vaklas Adamkus is noteworthy indeed, but not the stuff of TV serialization.

At age 70, he faced the possibility of working on his golf game and enjoying a well-deserved retirement.

It was not to be.

INSTEAD OF sitting in a rocking

chair or chasing par, Adamkus instead went back home. In retirement, he returned to Lithuania, and got into politics.

A mere six months after leaving his Chicago office job, Vaklas Adamkus was elected president of Lithuania.

An incredible story? Yes, indeed. Truth often is stranger than fiction.

Such a development is unthinkable in the United States. How could it happen, even in Lithuania?

Size is one reason. Lithuania is about the size of Michigan's lower peninsula, with about half Michigan's population.

Then it's a developing country, with an unsettled political system, searching for its future now that it's free of communist Russian control.

Adamkus played up Americanism, according to a review in *USA Today*, "convincing voters that having a U.S. citizen in power would be an asset."

His campaign claimed his U.S. connections could help Lithuania get into NATO, and could attract foreign investment. It could be true.

But regardless of how it happened, it did happen. The recent American transplant won by less

than one percent in a runoff against Arturas Paulauskas, former prosecutor-general.

WHETHER ADAMKUS will be a good president... whether he can deliver on his campaign promises... is yet to be determined. Time alone will tell.

The events, however, suggest to this admitted non-expert in international matters —especially involving the Balkan countries— a couple of amateur conclusions:

—One is the paucity of acknowledged leadership potential in this tiny nation, and how uncertain the voters must be about what steps Lithuania should follow. How else could a virtual stranger enter the political arena and in a half-year win enough confidence from voters to be named president?

—Another is that Americans must be held in a good deal of respect in other nations. This respect is not universal, of course, but it is broad. People around the world generally like Americans and think highly of us. That's something of which we frequently lose sight.

Regardless of how the Adamkus story finally turns out, it's a truly fascinating one so far. And it would

make a great TV drama.

DOLE FOR SALE — Another story of politics is not nearly so heartening, and it may well have been inevitable.

Bob Dole, distinguished American, is now hired gun for Taiwan.

Mr. Dole registered with the Justice Department as a foreign agent. His law firm signed a deal with the Taiwan government for \$30,000 a month.

The firm insists Mr. Dole won't lobby, but will provide "strategic advice and counseling."

Mr. Dole is not alone in signing on to help foreign governments in their relations with America. Former office holders do it all the time. It's perfectly within the law.

But after Bob Dole lived such a distinguished career of public service, with such a strong reputation of being 110 percent pro-American, it's still a sad development.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

NOTES FROM LANSING

Miller offers campaign finance reform package

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller has proposed a two-pronged initiative aimed at effecting significant campaign finance reform in Michigan.

In a letter to the Special Committee on Campaign Finance, Secretary Miller specifically asked lawmakers to pass legislation to enhance both disclosure and enforcement of campaign finance activity in Michigan. In addition to proposing several changes in the Campaign Finance Act, Secretary Miller advised lawmakers that she will promulgate an administrative rule to dramatically change the way "issue advocacy" is regulated in Michigan, effectively limiting the use of "soft money" in elections.

"As elected officials we have an obligation to ensure that citizens have confidence in the elections process," Secretary Miller explained. "Unfortunately, the public is clearly uneasy about the current system of financing political campaigns. Their unease has bred a cynicism that threatens our electoral process, making now the time for us to take decisive action to reform our campaign finance system."

Currently, issue advocacy advertising is unregulated and operates outside the disclosure requirements of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. The rule Miller will put forward mandates that any paid advertising referencing a candidate be considered a campaign advertisement and governed by the same rules that govern all other campaign related expenditures. Under the proposed rule, issue advocacy advertisements could not be paid for by corporate or union money as they are today.

"No single issue threatens our electoral process more than the

flood of secret, so-called "soft money," Secretary Miller said. "When advertisements mention the name of a candidate it is clear that the purpose is to influence the outcome of the election under the rule we will put in, place, those advertisements will be governed as any other expenditures prior to an election."

In addition to announcing plans to promulgate a rule regarding the expenditure of "soft money," the state's chief elections officer proposed the following changes to strengthen enforcement of the Campaign Finance Act:

Prohibit any unit of government from paying an elected official who has not filed all required campaign finance statements;

Allow political parties to coordinate campaign expenditures with their candidates, thus eliminating so-called independent expenditures;

Grant the Department of State subpoena authority in the enforcement of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act; and

Mandate the electronic filing of campaign finance reports.

The Department of State has pioneered a system that allows candidates to file electronically, with those filings ultimately being placed on the Internet for review. While participation is now voluntary, Miller is suggesting electronic filing be mandated by the 2000 election cycle.

"As Michigan's chief elections official, I have established two guidelines for the Bureau of Elections," Miller wrote. "The first is to preserve the integrity of the elections process, the second is to increase voter participation in state elections."

NEWS FROM LANSING

by Jeff Mittendorf, Capital News Service

Schools cope with controls for students' medications

by Jeff Mittendorf
Capital News Service

LANSING—There was a time when a student with a headache could ask someone in the principal's office for aspirin. More than likely, a secretary would reach for a bottle and hand the child a pill.

But that was long ago. More recently, students brought whatever medication they needed to school and took it themselves, without bothering to ask permission or tell anybody.

Those days are gone, too. Drugs, drug abuse and liability concerns forced schools to tighten the reins on when and where students can take medicine.

In the past year, however, some Michigan schools have tried new ways for allowing students to carry and administer their own medication.

Last November, representatives from educational organizations, the medical and legal communities, the Michigan Department of Education and other state agencies released voluntary guidelines for allowing both prescription and non-prescription medications on school grounds.

So far, the system seems to work, said Pat Nichols, supervisor of health and early childhood programs at the Education Department.

The suggestions came about after more and more parents called Nichols upset that their children weren't allowed to carry medication when they were sick or had a chronic illness.

"Five years ago, I might have gotten one or two calls a year, and then

two years ago I began to get one a week," she said. "Two-thirds of the calls were from parents who were upset, and very often it was a legitimate concern."

One area of concern involves children with extreme allergies who may need to treat themselves in life-threatening situations where no adult is present or there's no time to seek assistance. Children with asthma and those who are allergic to insect stings are two examples.

The guidelines suggest steps to permit the dispensing and possession of medication at school. They involve parental permission and request forms, doctor approval and an explicit program for what medicines a student may take, when and for how long.

If a school employee administers drugs, there must be a second adult acting as a witness, except in emergencies when a student's life is threatened.

Nichols said the policy strongly recommends adults administering medications be fully trained, and notes that fewer districts employ nurses because of the costs.

"More than anything else, the group agreed that whatever you're asked to do in a school setting, you have every right to expect to be trained to do it correctly," she said.

Nichols believes that voluntary guidelines also send an important message to schoolchildren.

With concern about kids and drug abuse, it sends an inconsistent message to students if parents and school staff assume the pills kids are taking are over-the-counter pain

relievers and not illegal drugs.

"This committee clearly wanted to say to schools, 'You need to treat all medications the same, because there's no way for anybody on that school site to know what that kid has got without sending it out to be analyzed.'"

Ron Hart, the principal of New Buffalo High School, said that on average, only two or three students a day take medication while they're at his school.

Parents must first give permission for medicine to be dispensed to their child. The medication may only be administered by an adult staff member, with another acting as a witness.

Often, Hart said, parents have their kids on schedules to avoid the need to take drugs at school. Those children take what they need just before school and when they get home.

Students aren't allowed to possess any medications at school, although there have been cases where a student has brought medicine—prescription or non-prescription—to school without it being reported.

"Some parents still think schools can give students anything they want at school, like it used to be a long time ago, where a kid could come in and get an aspirin," Hart said. "But more and more parents are finding out that it's much more restrictive."

According to Hart, another problem in some school districts involves students with asthma who over-medicate themselves with inhalers.

On at least two occasions, New Buffalo High parents were notified when their children took too much medicine. In neither case was a staff member present when the medicine was taken. Presumably, the inhalers were used outside of school, but he couldn't be sure.

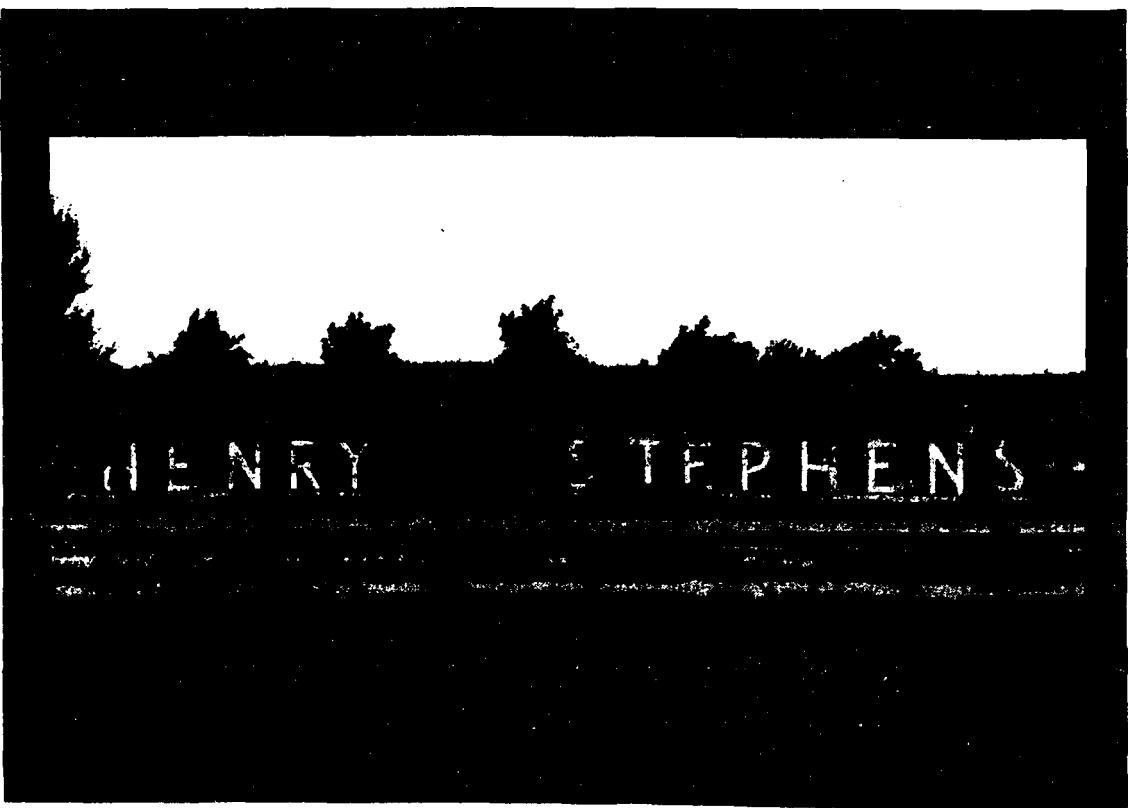
"Most of the time, we're successful," Hart said. "Parents are letting us know if their child is on medication."

A key to success is continuing to educate parents. "We can do a better job. We let parents know through the newsletter, but as everybody gets used to this, it will be much better because more parents will become aware of what the laws are."

Nichols said there is no data to show how many districts have taken any of the group's suggestions, but

she believes communications have improved over the past year.

"The fact that I don't hear from a lot of parents anymore" is an indication, she said, that the changes are working.



Betty asks...

Question of the week:
Do you have any phobias?

Janet Hunt
Higgins Lake, MI
"Yes, enclosed areas"

Sherry Haag
Grayling, MI
"Yes, snakes"

Marlene Dinmore
Grayling, MI
"I have a real phobia about getting a phobia"

Holly Myers
Roscommon, MI
"Yes, mice. Mice get to me really bad"

There you have it...I hate staying home alone! When my cat growls, I call 9-1-1.

Betty Pearl
Advertising Representative
Crawford County Avalanche

This week's question was asked Friday in the Grayling area

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BRIEFS

Junior Miss Pageant tickets available

Junior Miss Pageant is to take place on Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are only available at Mary's Book Store. All seats are reserved and tickets cost \$9.

Lions Lucky 13 winner announced

Larry Pratt is the Lions Lucky 13 winner of \$100.



PROUD DAD -- A proud Jeff Parkinson offers tips to daughter Tracy (11), who is part of the AuSable Valley Girls' Basketball Club. Photo by Cheryll Ruley.

AuSable Valley girls' basketball club active

by Cheryll A. Ruley
Special Writer

Jeff Parkinson is a proud and dedicated father to his basketball-playing daughter, Tracy, a seventh grade student at Grayling Middle School (GMS), and even gets involved in her team's practice sessions.

Tracy's dedication and passion for the game has allowed her to be part of the AuSable Valley Girls' Basketball Club in conjunction with the Michigan Association Amateur Athletic Union (AAU).

Club organizer and GMS basketball coach, Harold Mertes, is preparing the girls, ages 10-17, for the two-game elimination AAU Regional Tournaments in March.

Teams are made up of players from all over northern Michigan and the upper peninsula. Some girls travel over 80 miles to practices held Sundays at GMS. Dedication by

parents is evident by the numbers in the stands and activity on the playing floor.

The teams compete year-round in one and two-day tournaments throughout the state.

"The girls get to know players from other towns. They get to be on teams with what are usually their rivals from Roscommon and Houghton Lake," said Mertes, "and they have a real passion."

Another member of the team, Emily Henion, along with Tracy Parkinson, were members of the GMS 7th Grade Girls' Green Team that finished 10-0 this past season. AAU membership has helped them learn new techniques and sharpen the old ones.

Anyone needing more information about the AuSable Valley Girls' Basketball Club can contact Harold Mertes at the middle school.



Structure fire, 1; vehicle fire, 1; assault, 1; larceny, 4; vehicle theft, 2; property damage, 3; child abuse, 1 and threat, 1.

Health and safety, 13; conservation, 4; miscellaneous crimes, 5; sheriff sales, 3; minors, 2; property damage accidents, 20 and traffic safety, 1.

Snowmobile trespass, 1; false alarm, 3; snowmobile accident, 2; civil/family trouble, 5; suspicious situation, 5; missing person, 3; general assistance, 7 and general non-criminal, 17.

For a total of 105 calls made to the Sheriff's department for the week of Jan. 12 to Jan. 19, 1998.

ATTENTION

Due to technical problems "House of Wax" scheduled for January 19th at the Rialto is canceled.

Watch for rescheduling!

Candidate Heidie Wallace aims for science career

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer
(Editor's note: Last week's round up of candidates for Grayling Junior Miss unfortunately did not include information from and about Heidie Wallace. The Avalanche regrets the error, and presents that information here.)

A petite, blue-eyed blonde, Heidie Wallace is a cheerleader, plays the clarinet in the band, particularly enjoys drama — especially playing the role of a comedian, and of course, she's an honor roll student "most of the time."

Her dreams for the future include becoming a marine biologist "because I love to study the science of animals. I want to attend Lake Superior State College (LSSC)."

She got the idea for attending LSSC because of a cousin's experiences there, and also due to "the fine example set for me by Jeremiah Blaauw, who's currently attending there."

Heidie believes that alcohol and kids don't mix. "There's not a lot for teenagers to do," she said, "and to fill up the time and stop the boredom, they do drugs and drink. The worst thing about it," she's now a little angry, "there are parents who buy alcohol for their kids."

She believes that parents should set good examples, "but let their



Heidie Wallace

children be individuals and select their own friends."

As a life-long resident of Frederic, a small community about seven-miles north of Grayling, Heidie said she's having a lot of fun with the girls in the pageant. "I'm having an opportunity to be with people from other groups, and getting to know them has been a lot of fun for me."

This candidate for queen will be singing "The Rose", and she's been enjoying the activities, the dance routines, and "just being with everyone else."

Trail Grooming a must

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

When the winter weather cooperates, local business hums with a rapturous sort of noise — probably the joyous ringing of the cash registers.

But, other noises join the economic chorus of wintertime activities, and they are the sounds of trail grooming equipment. Some machines groom ski trails while others groom established trails for snowmobile riders.

The network of trails in Crawford County and adjacent counties is extensive, and it costs money to keep them smooth, free of debris, and worth cruising with friends. Bad trail conditions create bad attitudes among visitors, and that does not encourage repeat business. But it takes time and money — a

groomer costs in excess of \$100,000.

The DNR grooms the trail to Frederic on the east side of old US27 and the Lovells Trail. The AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association takes responsibility for maintaining the Hanson Hills to Grayling connector, the Blue Bear to Frederic, and the Skyline Trail to Roscommon section.

Trail maps produced by the snowmobile association can be found for \$1.50 throughout the area. Proceeds from these map sales go directly to support the grooming activities in Crawford County.

The Grayling Area Chamber of Commerce held a "Business After Hours" session on Jan. 15 at Spike's Keg O' Nails, to help raise money for snowmobile trail grooming.

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Correction

In the Jan. 8, 1998 edition of The Avalanche, the outline under the wedding picture of Regina Ann Medley and Matthew Howell erroneously referred to the "Howell - Medler Wedding." The outline, of course, should have read "Howell-Medley Wedding." The Avalanche regrets the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

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THURS 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •MINIMAL FEE blood pressure and blood sugar screenings @ Commission on Aging, 11 am - 12 noon. •TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Mary Kay, 348-1398. •FRESH BBB vs. Standish Sterling, away, 6 pm. •AP/GE Family Involvement Night, 6:30 pm. •VAR WRESTLING vs. Oscoda & Ogemaw Heights, home, 6 pm.
FRI 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •PROJECT GRADUATION meeting @ HS, 7 pm.
SAT 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SAT test date. •PROMISE KEEPERS BREAKFAST Contact Neil Michal for more information.
SUN 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •HS PROFICIENCY TEST (HSPT) through Feb. 13 for grades 11 & 12. •MEAP test begins, through Feb. 13 @ GE, FE & MS •MS BBB vs. Lincoln Alcona, 7th away, 8th home.
TUES 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •VAR & JV BBB vs. Ogemaw Heights, home, 6:15 pm.
WED 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm. •JV VOLLEYBALL vs. West Branch Ogemaw Heights, home, 6 pm. •VAR VOLLEYBALL vs. Standish Sterling, away, 6 pm.

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The Bible Speaks

25th anniversary

From the Calvary Baptist Church

This month marks the 25th Anniversary of *The Bible Speaks* column in the Crawford County Avalanche. We hope and pray that in some way Christians have been encouraged to trust Bible truth as still real, relevant, and reasonable even when applied to all areas of modern life. That positions in this column have remained unchanged for 25 years is testimony to the consistency of God's Holy Word. This column attempts always to exalt the Person, Work, and Word of our Lord Jesus Christ!

First, we have preached Jesus Christ as God! When the rich young ruler called Jesus good master, Jesus rebuked him: (Mark 10:18) "And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is God." Jesus Christ is good only because He is God! If one rejects him as God, then one must view Him as the biggest liar, thief, and deceiver that ever walked the earth. Philippians 2:6: "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God." In John 14:9 Jesus said, "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father." (Hebrew 1:3) "Who being the bright-

ness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high." (Acts 4:12) "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Second, we have preached the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for our sins as the only hope of eternal salvation. As Paul said, (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures: (4) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." (1 Corinthians 15:18) "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." (Galatians 6:14) "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." (Romans 1:16-17) "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of

God unto salvation to every one that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. [17] For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith."

Third, we have preached the inspired, infallible truth of Holy Scriptures as God's absolute authority. (Psalms 12:6-7) "The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. [7] Thou shalt keep them. O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." (Isaiah 59:21) "As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD: My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever." Only an infallible Bible can produce faith which can assure us of eternal life! Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at: <http://free-way.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch1263/>

Grayling High School graduate in Hope College Honors Band



HONORS FLUTIST — Ann Becks, '97 GHS graduate, will perform for 1998 Michigan Intercollegiate Honors Band Feb. 7 in Grand Rapids.

Ann Becks, a recent graduate of Grayling High School, has been selected as principal flutist for the 1998 Michigan Intercollegiate Honors Band to be playing in Grand Rapids on Feb. 7. Annie was nominated for this honor by the instrumental music department at Hope College where she is a freshman, and where she is principal flutist with the college Wind Sympny and performs on the piccolo with the Holland Community Chamber Orchestra. She was one of two

flutists selected for the college's small chamber orchestra, the Symphonette, a public relations arm of the college, which will be touring the Pacific Northwest this spring. Annie attributes her musical success as a freshman in college to some long hours of practice, the encouragement of some fine teachers during her middle and high school years, and the high standards of the instrumental music program provided at Grayling High School.

Crawford County will receive small business loans

Congressman Dave Camp (R-MI) has announced that small business in Crawford County are among those in Michigan eligible for loans from \$600,000 United States Department of Agriculture Rural development award.

"This award will create as many as 60 new jobs," said Camp. "It is a welcome infusion of support for our main street businesses and the com-

munities that depend on them."

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Don't Lose Track



"How many times do I have to tell you not to toss your sneakers around? If you don't keep track of them, they'll be lost. Make a little more effort, take a few more steps, and put them in their proper place."

Sound familiar? Probably. It just seems easier to toss things aside when we are tired or in a hurry or preoccupied. In the long run we may be causing ourselves an inconvenience.

The same can be said of our spiritual side. We need it constantly to support us as we jump the hurdles in life. What do we do with our spiritual side when we return from weekly worship? Do we toss it aside and lose track of it or do we devote the few extra minutes a day to care for it through daily prayer and devotion...to put it in the proper place in our lives so it is readily available at a moments notice?

This week, carry your spiritual side a few steps further. Keep it in its proper place in your life. Don't lose track.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday School: 11:15 am
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Sabbath School: 10:30 am
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Sunday School: 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church: 11 am
Sunday Evening Service: 6 pm
Midweek Prayer Meeting: 7 pm
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HIDDEN DANGER -- Lying unseen, just beyond this photo of converging snowmobile trails, is an open AuSable River, a danger to unwary and unfamiliar snowmobile drivers, now flocking to the Grayling area. Night driving could cause a wet ride for visiting snowmobilers. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

School Board Trustees recognized

by Don Mainprize
Staff Writer

The Crawford Au Sable school board met Monday night (Jan. 19) with a full agenda of business, but Superintendent Kent Reynolds recognized and honored the members with a certificate and a gift for faithful service.

Reynolds thanked board members for their volunteer service that "involves hundreds of hours at numerous meetings in addition to the regular monthly meetings." On a yearly basis, board members work for a pittance amounting to less than a nickel a day and gladly do so, Reynolds said.

The brief ceremony was in observance of National School Board Recognition Month.

In a pre-meeting demonstration in Suzanne Williams' second grade room at AuSable Primary, Principal Barbara Mick explained the Auditory FM System which allows the teacher wearing a headphone to gain instant attention above the

sometimes noisy activities in the classroom. It provides the teacher powerful sound control without raising her voice. One hearing impaired child in the room has a hearing aid tuned to the same frequency as the amplification system.

In other matters the board scheduled a Feb. 5 meeting with students at 1:30, staff at 3 p.m., and the school board at 5 p.m. to compare the cost analysis and detailed sketches provided by GNB Architects, Harm J. Perdok and George Huyler, Jr. of Holland for the proposed high school renovations and to see how the total cost compares with available budget funds. The Feb. 9 regular board meeting will deal mainly with the renovations, and the public will be invited to attend.

All district schools are preparing for the annual MEAP tests. Grayling Elementary Principal Kathy Sergeant said, "We're building a positive outlook on the tests, providing the most conducive envi-

ronment for kids by putting them with familiar teachers."

Board Secretary Linda Franklin tendered her resignation with "deep regrets."

She has accepted a position with the Family Court Division of the 46th Circuit Trial Court and felt a conflict of interest might arise if she served in both positions.

In a prepared statement, Mrs. Franklin said, "The accomplishments made by this board on behalf of the children in this district are something we should all be proud of and I am grateful to have been a part of these accomplishments. I have every confidence that this current board will continue making careful and considered decisions affecting the future of our children."

Reynolds reviewed the district's mid-year progress on the 18 goals for the '97-98 school year. Some 55 other items were discussed in the 2-hour meeting along with reports from principals.

VFW 'Voice of America' winners listed

The 11th District Veterans of Foreign Wars held their annual Voice of Democracy Awards Banquet on Jan. 10 at the Coleman VFW Post 1071 in Coleman, MI.

The banquet honored students participating in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy audio essay competition program.

There are four levels of competition--the Local, District, State and National. Each level offers scholarships and awards to the top three winners.

The program was conducted by the 11th District Chairman Floyd M Iverson and his wife, Delores Iverson, who is the Auxiliary Chairperson.

Guest speaker John Harrow, who is a Past State Commander, gave a short speech praising the students for their hard work and doing a great job on their essays. District Commander Richard Fish and District Auxiliary President Jeanette Keltz each gave a short speech echoing the guest speaker.

Turkey group sets banquet

The Beaver Creek Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation recently sponsored a raffle with the drawing on Jan. 12.

Winners were: Ken Staton, Dale Price, Mike Looney and Fred Lawson.

The Chapters' annual fund-raising banquet will be held on Feb. 21, at the Holiday Inn of Grayling. Proceeds from the banquet will help fund the winter survival program for area Turkey Flocks.

Sunday fire in Frederic hits garage

Fire destroyed a garage and a backhoe tractor parked in it near Frederic Sunday (Jan. 18).

The fire was at the residence of Connie and Jewel Joseph, 5533 Sand Hill Rd.

Chief Dennis Wallace of the Frederic Fire Department said the fire did not reach the Joseph house but it was damaged by considerable smoke, making it uninhabitable for now.

The family went to stay with relatives.

The Grayling City and Township Fire Department also responded to the call, and the American Red Cross provided emergency assistance to the family and refreshments to the fire fighters, who were on the scene for a couple of hours.

Wallace said two fire fighters received minor injuries -- one a small cut, and another suffering from exhaustion.

Kingston Trio returns to Kirtland

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Jan. 24, 1998 at 8 p.m. as the world-famous Kingston Trio returns to Kirtland Community College to celebrate 40 years of recording and touring success. This performance is made possible through the generous support of St. Helen Power Sports and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Four decades after Tom Dooley changed American popular music forever, the original Kingston Trio sound is back with Nick Reynolds returning to join Bob Shane and George Grove. Enjoy the music and songs of a group whose record sales and concert draws were matched only by The Beatles.

"With Nick rejoining the group, we now have the nucleus of the original Kingston Trio sound," says Bob Shane, the Trio's long-time leader and one of the original founding members. "It was always Nick and I that really defined the Kingston Trio sound, with me singing lead and Nick harmonizing."

For ticket information, or if you would like to make a reservation, please contact the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777.

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Weekly Update

Now that we have a little snow the snowmobilers arrived in force this past weekend, it seemed good to have some action here again. Also, the cross country ski trails are good now so they will be in use once again. The best rabbit action seems to be in the upper peninsula, some of the hunters are going up there from here at this time. But as we get more snow the hunting may improve in this area.

There are a fair number of predator hunters out now and they have been doing very well at calling in some coyotes but, sometimes it is hard to get a shot. The predators can be very smart.

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Occupancy in subsidized housing must stay high

by Cheryl A. Ruley
Special Writer

Although there is no official housing survey performed by the city of Grayling, much can be learned from the existing FHA and HUD housing developments' occupancy rates.

According to Guy Quigley of the Grayling housing office, his department has received HUD's High Performance Status in 1997 for keeping occupancy rates at 98 percent.

There are 88 HUD subsidized senior and family units which Quigley oversees. This includes all units at AuSagra Manor and AuSagra Acres.

There are over 140 FHA subsidized units at Riverview Apartments, Arbor Court and the Cobble Creek complexes. FHA expects a 90 percent occupancy rate, but will accept 85 percent levels.

In both the FHA and HUD cases, occupancy rates must remain high in order to avoid losses of state and

federal funding for maintenance, improvements and rent subsidies.

Quigley is concerned that HUD unit occupancy rates may fall when the proposed Whispering Pines development units become available within the next year. Current residents may opt to move into the newer units, leaving some HUD units unoccupied past the allowed 20-day period.

While Quigley doesn't deny there is presently a housing shortage in Grayling for low-income families and senior citizens, he said that the Whispering Pines development is "good for the future of Grayling", and should deter any shortages five to 10 years down the road.

Of existing privately-owned

rentals in Grayling, Quigley is quick to point out that landlords need to upgrade and make improvements to their units, making them more habitable and desirable to prospective renters.

And, rents are too high. "Four hundred dollars per month with no utilities included is just too much for some families, especially if the units are substandard," Quigley commented.

A staff member at River House Shelter, Bonnie French said, "We just can't find decent housing for the women and children who come to us for help. There needs to be more affordable, nice places to live in Grayling."

One source of more affordable housing, for those just starting out,

may become available if senior citizens and early retirees in transition sell their homes and take advantage of the HUD and FHA offerings.

Maintenance-free living and a safe, close community atmosphere exist at the senior units. Many services are provided through the Commission on Aging.

Some seniors may find shedding the financial and physical burdens of an aging home an attractive and comfortable option in their golden years.

Working seniors may sign up for Medicare B

by Don Mainprize
Staff Writer

A 90-day Medicare Part B open enrollment period for working people 65 or over runs from January to Mar. 31 for those who did not enroll when they first had the opportunity.

Most delayed enrollees pay a 10 percent per year surcharge for each year they delayed signing up, but if you or your spouse are still working you may delay enrollment without paying the penalty.

If you had group health care from your present job when you turned 65, you can enroll in Medicare during an eight-month special enrollment period. This eight-month window starts the month your employment ends or the month your group health plan ends.

People wanting to sign up for Medicare B should call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. any business day. The lines are busiest early in the week and the month.

Wertz Warriors trek 900 miles for special athletes

by Don Mainprize
Staff Writer

The Wertz Warriors snowmobile riders will start their 17th annual 900-mile endurance race Feb. 1 at Mt. Clemens to raise money for the Michigan Special Olympics.

The Warriors, 100 strong, including 67 riders and 33 support staff, will make some 40 stops for fueling, food and fundraising.

They are scheduled to arrive at the

Grayling Holiday Inn about 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 3. On Feb. 4 at Cedar the Warriors will present a check to the Michigan Special Olympics.

Wertz Warriors are named after the late Detroit Tiger Vic Wertz who hoped to underwrite the Michigan Special Olympics State Winter Games. Former Tiger pitcher Mark "The Bird" Fidrych has been honorary chairman of the ride for the past six years.

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OBITUARIES

Wilbert A. Eldridge

Wilbert A. Eldridge, 80, passed away Saturday, Jan. 17, 1998 at the Meadows of Grayling.

He was born in Hetherton on March 24, 1917. He lived in the Grayling/Gaylord area for most of his life.

For 18 years he was employed as a gandy dancer for the New York and Penn Central Railroads, then later worked for U.S. Plywood for 10 years and three years for the Otsego County Commission of Aging delivering meals to senior citizens. He retired in 1979 and has been at the Meadows of Grayling Nursing Home for the past three years. He enjoyed fishing and taking long walks.

He is survived by his daughter, Rose Jean (Floyd) Goddard of Grayling; son, Thomas A. Eldridge of Frederic; step-daughters: Isabel Bergey of Frederic and Erma (Russel) Stone of Roscommon; sister, Annie Bell Underwood of Roscommon; 21 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and friend and former daughter-in-law, Darlene Judy Decker of Grand Rapids.

He was preceded in death by two wives, Doris and Ella; son, Edward; step-sons: William Merithew and Edward Croff.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 1 p.m. from the Nelson Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark Vapour officiating. Burial will be in Hayes Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Meadows of Grayling, Activities Dept. through the Nelson Funeral Home, 135 N. Center, Gaylord, MI 49735.

Norma H. Madill

Norma H. Madill, 95, of Frederic, passed away Jan. 18, 1998 at her residence.

She was born in Lovells to William C. and Pearl S. (Buck) Johnson on August 21, 1902.

Mrs. Madill was a lifetime resident of Crawford County. She graduated from Grayling High School in 1919 and then attended Bay City Business School. The former Norma H. Johnson married Albert Madill and they, along with her father, William Johnson and brother, Carl Johnson, started AuSable Woodworking in 1927 in Grayling. They moved the company to Frederic in 1928, and it has been operating there since that time.

She is survived by her son, James Madill of Frederic; daughters: Joan Kaiser of Frederic, Diane Thomas of Phoenix, Ariz and Margaret Partello of Frederic; sisters: Vi Borchers of Alpena, Eva Papenfus of Grayling and Elida Bearss of Maple Forest; 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Madill was preceded in death by her husband, Albert, in 1988; brother, Carl W. Johnson; sister, Dessie Anderson; and parents, William and Pearl (Buck) Johnson.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 21, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Rev. J. Douglas Paterson officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Frederic.

Her family suggests contributions be made to the Frederic Community Library in her memory.

Hazel Marie Coffeen

Hazel Marie Coffeen, 82, passed away Jan. 19, 1998 at north Oakland General Hospital, Pontiac.

She was born in Ludington on December 8, 1915. She married the late Albert W. Coffeen on July 6, 1933 in Detroit. Ms. Coffeen was a breeder of German Short Hair Pointer dogs and member of A.K.A. She was a former member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Royal Oak.

She is survived by her son, Michael L. Coffeen of Warren and two grandchildren.

Ms. Coffeen was preceded in death by her husband, Albert, 1992; daughter, JoAnn Coffeen, 1968; and son, Don Coffeen, 1936.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the William Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak with Rev. Gerald L. Switzer officiating. Burial will take place in Evergreen Cemetery, Kalkaska.

The family suggests that memorials donations be directed to Christ of the Lakes Church in White Lake.

Donald R. Priestley

Donald R. Priestley, 62, of Frederic, passed away January 14, 1998 at his residence.

He was born in Plymouth to Milo and Eva (Woodworth) Priestley on Sept. 9, 1935.

Mr. Priestley was a resident of Crawford County for 22 years, moving here from Highland, Michigan. He was employed in gardening and lawncare and planted the flowers in the city for the Grayling Area Chamber of Commerce. He also worked as the caretaker of the Crawford County Historical Museum and played Santa Claus for the Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his brothers: Milton Priestley of Houghton Lake, Robert and Cheryl Priestley of Highland and Gerald and Diana Priestley of Fenton; one niece and 4 nephews.

Mr. Priestley was preceded in death by his parents, Milo R. and Eva P. (Woodworth) Priestley.

Funeral services were held Jan. 16, 1998 at 1 p.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Ms. Cindy Studer officiating.



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I'd like to thank all of my northern friends for their cards and prayers during my illness. I'm happy to report that I'm feeling much better, thanks again, Phyllis Scheer.

Card Of Thanks

We would like to thank all our friends for their prayers, cards, calls and expressions of concern during Forrest's surgery. He is recovery slowly.

Forrest and Jennie Annis

Card Of Thanks

The family of Sally Kumpula would like to thank everyone for all their love, support and sympathy.

I, Barbara Wolstencroft also want to express how the people of Grayling are warm, friendly and very caring. I was proud to have been introduced to everyone by my Aunt Sally.

Our families, Joyce Lammi of Calumet and myself are grateful to all Sally's friends and acquaintances for all their help.

God Bless You.

Card Of Thanks

The family of Jack DeHart would like to express our thanks to all the generous friends and relatives who helped us during our recent loss. Our family is blessed to have so many friends that you are all too numerous to mention. Please know your cards, hugs, flowers, food and contributions will be always be remembered.

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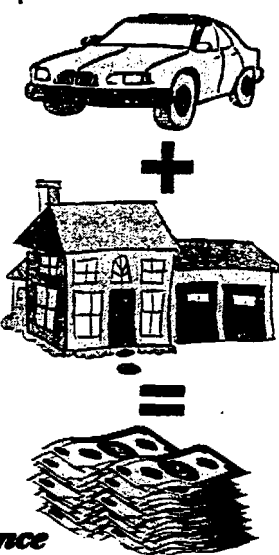
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Township recycle center beginning expanded hours

Officials at Grayling Township have announced that beginning Tuesday, Jan. 20, the township recycling, composting and transfer station will be open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. The Saturday hours of 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. will remain the same. The facility is located on North Down River Road just west of the I-75 interchange.

According to township supervisor, Terry Wright, the expanded hours come as a result of a request to the township board by a resident unable to use the facility because of her work schedule.

"These expanded hours will allow her to get to the recycling center before she goes to work," Wright said. "The board thought there may be others in the same boat, so they were happy to expand the hours."

The facility has been used as a refuse transfer station since the early 1970s. Last fall the township opened a comprehensive recycling and composting center which Wright said is providing a great service to township residents, saving many tons of refuse from being buried in the landfill and saving many tax dollars from landfill tipping fees.

"The overall efficiency of the recycling center has exceeded most of

my expectations," Wright said. "In the first four months we have collected three, full, semitrailer loads of compacted recyclable material. That's all material that was sent directly back to the factories to be made into new products."

"By recycling that compacted material, we have reduced the number of times our big container for non-recyclables has to be taken to the

landfill. Prior to September it was being emptied three times every week at a cost of almost \$500 each time. Now it's being emptied twice each week. That's a substantial savings."

Wright said his only disappointment is that more people aren't recycling. "We've made it pretty easy for them. I just don't understand why some people drive around the recycling building to throw all their refuse in the compactor when everyone knows

recycling is the right thing to do," he said.

He said township officials are working on an incentive program that would reward those who recycle through a reduction in the cost of the annual recycling/compost permit. Currently Grayling Township residents receive a windshield sticker which allows them entry into the facility for an annual fee of \$30.

Teachers approve career choice, despite society's high expectations

A new survey shows teachers from across the United States overwhelmingly (73%) would choose teaching if they were to begin their careers today, even though very few (17%) feel society's expectations of teachers are realistic. These findings, along with others, are part of the newly released study of educator attitudes from Horace Mann Educators Corporation.

The national survey of educators measured teachers' opinions about their quality of life, including issues such as society's expectations, the importance of community respect, evaluating their career choice and their feelings of fulfillment.

The teacher's responses showed that experience is a key factor in determining career satisfaction. Teachers with 20 or more years of experience were about 10% less likely to make the same career choice than those with less teaching experience. Teachers with fewer than 10 years teaching were about 11% more likely to stay with their decision to teach.

The main reasons why teachers would become teachers again included: love and fun working with kids; like helping kids learn and find answers; giving kids all the support they can get; enjoy teaching; like the job and

think teaching is a good profession.

A strong majority (73%) of teachers maintained that their career expectations have been fulfilled. Suburban teachers, believing they are asked to play more of a parental role, experienced a greater sense of career fulfillment than their urban and rural counterparts by nearly 10%. Nearly all teachers said their desire (98%) to help students and the interaction (94%) with students remained significantly important to them.

Although most teachers are happy teaching, according to the survey, fewer than one in five teachers (17%) interviewed nationwide voiced that society's expectations are realistic.

Less than 16% of public school teachers noted that society had realistic expectations of them, while a third (33%) of private school teachers share the same opinion. Even with this negative trend, a majority of teachers (60%) said that it is important to have the respect of their communities.

Nearly two-thirds of teachers (64%) said they are less valued today than when they began teaching. The study showed significant differences in attitudes between private and public school teachers, and among urban, suburban and rural teachers. Public school teachers (66%) felt less valued

than their private school counterparts (47%), and urban teachers (71%) felt less valued than suburban (59%) or rural (65%) teachers.

Teachers perceived being less valued today primarily due to changes in society which have led to shifts in attitudes toward teachers, a lack of respect toward the teaching profession and the belief that teachers are expected to take on more of a parental role in the classroom. Surprisingly, more suburban teachers (12%) interviewed said they are expected to take on a stronger parental role than their urban (less than 1%) and rural (5%) counterparts.

Only a handful (20%) of teachers cited that they would not choose to teach again, stressing that society's expectations are too high. They said unrealistic goals are placed on teachers by parents, society and administrators with too many demands and too much pressure.

The 1997 Horace Mann Survey of Educators was polled by Hughes Research Corporation. Telephone interviews were conducted among a national sample of 600 K-12 classroom teachers, ages 21-51, with a confidence level of 95% and a margin of error $\pm 4\%$.

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St. Francis tackles mission to help South Dakota Sioux

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

In a few short weeks, several drivers from St. Francis of Grayling and St. Bartholomew of Mio, will be delivering a truckload of clothing, toys, books and new undergarments to the Pine Ridge Indian reservation in South Dakota.

Mitten trees are popular, but the real need is for new undergarments and stockings for children — especially — and adults. Hence, the call for the Underwear Tree at St. Francis to collect the "necessaries."

The volunteers at St. Francis Thrift Shop are busy boxing and sorting good used underwear, but new or good clean second-hand clothing and underthings are in short supply at the shop and the reservation desperately needs such items.

The original initiative to help the Indians at Pine Ridge came from Ann Todd of St. Bart's of Mio. She read about their plight in a quilting magazine and decided to approach the issue head on.

Very soon thereafter, Tom Trimmer, Episcopal Deacon and an elder in the Black Turkey Clan of the Odawa nation, came to speak to the group. It was only a short way between contacting sister church St. Francis of Grayling to get the project officially launched.

The Pine Ridge Reservation lies in the southwest corner of South Dakota, and is the home of 25,000 Lakota (Sioux), half under the age of 16 years. The reservation is near the Badlands and Wounded Knee of historic notoriety; it's also the poor-

est county in the nation with 95 percent unemployment and the lowest per capita income in the United States (\$1,200). Employment opportunities are nearly zero.

The Sioux are part of the Great Plains Indian tribal units, and they prefer to be called Lakota or Teton Sioux. After the massacre at Wounded Knee in 1890, they remained on reservations in Minnesota, Nebraska, the Dakotas, Montana and in parts of Canada. Their culture is characterized by "mobility on horseback, a buffalo economy, vision quests, soldier societies, and the famous Sun Dance."

The families of these former warriors now live in substandard housing, and many heat with wood burning stoves or by using empty 55 gallon oil drums. Winters are known to drop into the -60 wind chill range, and 50 percent have no electricity, no insulation, and no running water.

It's such an irony that at the core of Native American spirituality is the belief that all things and creatures "are mutually dependent on each other. They are about sharing all common things like water, air, and land."

Liam and Christine Paterson of Manheim, New Hampshire, recently spearheaded a "Santa's Delivery" to the reservation. They delivered three tractor-trailers of food, clothing and toys for Christmas. They began their efforts with 8 boxes of clean, pressed clothing, but have already set their 1998 Christmas plans in motion.

Grayling area elementary children



ST. FRANCIS PROJECT -- Vicki Royston, manager of St. Francis Thrift Shop, bags items being gathered to help Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

are helping, too. They are busy gathering books they no longer read for the Indian children. But the real need is for good clean sweaters, coats, jeans and shirts by the first week in February. The trucks will depart from Mio on Feb. 4, so the packing, sorting and loading must be done as soon as possible.

Donations may be dropped off at the St. Francis Thrift Shop in Grayling (M-72 West). The volunteers who are working against the clock on this project, ask only that the items being donated be clean and serviceable. The timing on fulfilling this mission is growing short.

Thrift Shop hours for dropping off items for the reservation are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (2 p.m. on Saturday or by special arrangement at 517-348-2572).

The caravan plans to arrive in Mission, S. D. by Sunday, Feb. 8.

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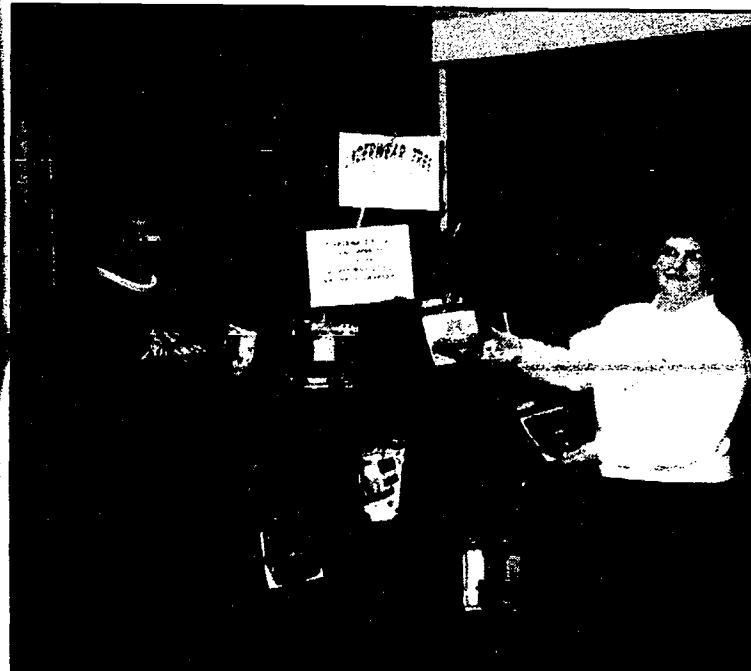
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UNDERWEAR TREE -- Diane Tompkins (left) and Sherri Wurzel, volunteers at St. Francis Church, add to the "underwear tree" with gifts destined for an Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Photos by Shirley Schmoock.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

New shelving at the Crawford County Library holds magazines, new books, and video sleeves.

The Crawford County Library Board decided to make the most current copy of magazines non-circulating. The new shelving allows full view of the front of the magazines in the new covers.

New books have been moved to the new shelving including fiction and non-fiction. The new fiction check out for two weeks and the non-fiction for two weeks if there are reserves for it. With the new automation system we can take reservations over the phone and renew books.

The video sleeves allow you to read about videos and enhance video selection. History, how to, children's, travel, and miscellaneous are the video categories and are listed in the card catalog.

Value Line and MorningStar are also shelved on the new shelving allowing easy access and visibility. Value Line, Expanded Edition, contains technical and safety rankings,

commentary on companies, assets and liabilities section, total return section, investment screens, and continual and current follow up on company developments.

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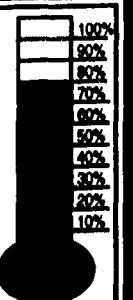
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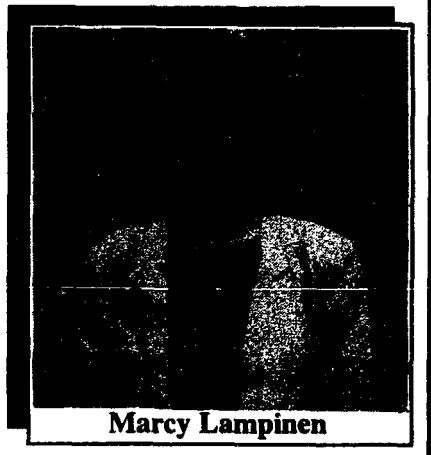
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Roof repairs concern county board

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Although 1997 was very productive for the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, 1998 is beginning to shape up as possibly an even more interesting year, especially in dealing with problems at county buildings.

Problem One — Fish Hatchery
Teenage vandalism to the historic Fish Hatchery structure fortunately was covered by insurance, but all of the buildings are subject to age and dilapidated. Weather-beaten and without a roof, one of the smaller storage buildings was doomed when Undersheriff Kurt Wakefield of the County Building Authority delivered his report to the County Board of Commissioners on Jan. 13.

"We've fenced the property, which will help with the liability," he told a somber board, "but restoration of those small block buildings is not practical. We can secure the larger building, but we recommend that the others be removed."

Commissioner Bruce Bretzke from South Branch, asked if the fire department would be interested in using them as a burning exercise. Commissioner Dennis Long of Grayling said "The law probably won't allow them to be burned."

Wakefield was instructed to pursue getting these derelict structures removed.

The sidewalk at the hatchery was also discussed, particularly a large, deep hole near one edge. The entire area has been posted "no trespassing" but rain water will continue to cause erosion, as the buildings and walkways are situated considerably lower than the road.

Problem Two — Courthouse roof

When the massive remodeling of the Crawford County Courthouse was accomplished in 1996-97, the primary contractor was Honeywell, Inc. of Minneapolis. When the heating and cooling system was revised, major portions of the building also underwent drastic changes and renovations, both inside and out.

During this time, however, asbestos was found to be every-

where in the building, and a lawsuit alleging negligence was filed by the Crawford County Prosecuting Att. against Honeywell. Questions remain whether all things promised by Honeywell were delivered, and whether some of the major repairs — such as the roof — actually would last at least as long as it was warranted.

Current, ice buildup and the possibility of roof leaks and water damage are very real. Wakefield estimated the buildup to be between 8-10 inches thick.

"There's nothing in the bid," said Wakefield, "that tells the contractor the roof was to be other than it was before. He took off the old membrane and old insulation; he then put on the old insulation and a new membrane. The slope is such that there's a concave dip in which water sits and freezes. As it sits, it evaporates or it freezes again, over and over."

"The roof's only been warranted for 10 years — not 15 or 30 years. The problem area is roughly 10 to 15 feet in diameter, and the ice and water are accumulating there as we speak."

Commissioner Long said "I thought we discussed this when it was warm. I can't believe this hasn't been resolved with the roofing company."

Brandle Roofing of Grand Rapids was the contractor, and Commissioner Kathy Black of North Grayling/Frederic said "I know Joe Duran (the county building and zoning director) has photos of when the inspection was taking place. I watched them up there."

"The bidding process has six items listed," said Wakefield, "and the bid was not specific other than we were to get the roof replaced as it was before. There's no language with regard to slope, and what benefits the contractor has obviously not benefited us — the customer."

The next motion was to approach the original contractor and request that he bring into accord what the county has paid for. This failing, the county would contract to have another roofing contractor review the conditions and repair the damage. The county would then act to recover the costs from the original contractor. This action passed.

Wakefield explained that the contractor would probably contact the manufacturer of the roof membrane, who would contact the insulation company, who would blame the contractor, who would meet them all coming and going.

Long insisted that regardless of the outcome "with eight inches of standing water or ice on this roof, now is the time to notify the roofer!"

Problem Three — Roof No. Two

This smaller building behind the courthouse is home to building and

zoning department and the 911 Emergency Response team.

The building was originally designed to service both offices from the front, but with the two operations being separate and very unequal — one with daytime foot traffic and the other, a 24-hour operation — the inside has been revised and only suits the building and zoning department.

"The roof leaks, and the tar's so brittle that when AuSable Construction came to repair it," Wakefield continued, "the men had

to tar behind themselves."

Bottom line on fixing this roof is \$29,000. But, reminded Wakefield, this bid is a year old, and is due to be updated. The next motion was to "get a variety of bids both on a trussed roof, with certain structural modifications," as ice builds up over the doorways.

Problems with entry overhangs as ice builds up above them also were discussed. The conclusion was that the roof probably had to be redesigned and rebuilt in the spring. Wakefield was told to get bids on this project, too.

Clearing parking lots is a yearly headache

by Shirley D. Schmoock

Talking about what to do with snow in Grayling seems rather rhetorical. But it does come up — time and again — especially with regard to snow removal from Crawford County's main parking lots at the courthouse, the Sheriff's Department, and the annex buildings.

It came up again on Jan. 13 at the Crawford County Commissioner's meeting.

The Road Commission for Crawford County does not plow the snow or salt the parking lots around the county building. There are, of course, reasons for this.

The primary one is that the Road Commission is not a department of county government, therefore the courthouse parking lots are not within its jurisdiction. Further, the Road Commission does not receive funds to maintain these lots, nor does it receive funds to maintain any other public parking lot, like the lot at the Crawford County Library.

The Road Commission, however, is required and expected to plow and maintain 103 miles of state trunklines and hundreds of miles of primary and local roads in Crawford County.

Given this fact, they do not do airport runways, or ballpark entrances, or sidewalks, no matter how altruistic or helpful accomplishing such a

project would seem to be to those asking for assistance.

When James Briney, Managing Director for the Road Commission, was called during the commissioner's meeting on the subject, he told the county board that liability may flow to the Road Commission if his drivers were plowing parking lots and someone was injured on a roadway they hadn't cleared yet. Briney also advised that a spreader could be purchased for an ordinary pickup truck for about \$1,200.

The Commissioners, having been fully apprised of this, looked at another option: Buy the salt/sand mixture the Road Commission uses, then have it shoveled from the back of a pickup truck by their own maintenance department.

Commissioner Dennis Long of Grayling suggested the maintenance department look into having the trustees from the jail do the shoveling. But this plan has some glitches too: Trustees, regardless of how trustworthy they are deemed to be, still need supervision. And, if trustees are shoveling salt and sand, a deputy or someone in authority must be there with them at all times.

Can the Sheriff's Department manpower be spread that thin? This question remained on the floor along with one other:

What to do with the snow when it really does begin to snow?

Loan to Top O' Michigan may spur area economy

An Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and northern Michigan electric cooperative are pooling their resources to try to jump-start economic development in some of Michigan's most rural and poor counties.

Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich) and Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) said that Rural Development will make a long-term loan of \$600,000 to Top O' Michigan Electric Co. to create a revolving loan fund. Loan terms to the co-op call for repayment over 30 years at 1 percent interest.

Top O' Michigan, a Boyne City-based co-op serving portions of 12 northern counties, will contribute \$150,000 to the fund, which will be used to jump-start economic development in its service area.

The fund is designed to spur economic growth in the utility's service area, which includes Crawford, Charlevoix, Emmet, Antrim, Oostega and Kalkaska counties, and parts of Cheboygan, Montmorency, Missaukee and Oscoda counties.

The fund will allow Top O' Michigan to make loans for business development or creation in an area that relies heavily on tourism, an industry which tends to offer seasonal and lower-paying jobs.

Edgar Doss, president and chief executive officer, said he expects the revolving loan fund to create at least 60 new permanent jobs.

"We have always believed we have an important role to play in the economic health of this area," Doss said. "Creation of the fund will give us an important tool to make a positive change and spur grass-roots business development."

Stupak sees the fund playing an essential role in some business ventures. "It can serve as 'gap

financing' for clients who are unable to line up their total funding from private financial institutions," he said. "It can bridge the gap between what is just a good idea and a successful business start-up."


"In addition to the area's dependence on tourism," Stupak continues, "it has sustained recent economic setbacks with the closing of Big Rock Point Nuclear Power Plant in Charlevoix and the Texas Instruments plant in Central Lake. This fund will help put good workers to work."

MILITARY NEWS

Pvt. Walter Waite was home on leave for Christmas to visit his mother, Judy Traier and family. While here his brother, CW2 Brian Yoder called from Bosnia to wish them a Merry Christmas. Brian will also be home in Ft. Polk, La., with his wife Robin and sons Josh and Brandon for 10 days, then returning to Bosnia for another six months.

Charles Demoinis, a junior at Grayling High School, enlisted into the National Guard, 1071st Maintenance Company, on Dec. 30, 1997.

Charles enlisted under the Split Training Program, which allows juniors who are 17 years of age to attend basic training between their junior and senior year of high school. After his senior year he will go on to advance training in his chosen career field of 45K, Armament Repair. He will be performing maintenance and repairs on the mechanisms/systems of tank turrets weapon fighting vehicles, towed/self propelled artillery, small arms and other infantry weapons. Charles will be attending basic training this summer at Fort Sills, Okla.



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New motel in Grayling is now taking shape

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

In late September of 1997, Frank and Lovell Nephew's new 64-room motor hotel on South US-27 bypass in Grayling had just broken ground. Footings were poured and the foundation courses of block were being set.

Through some early rain and light snow, the contractor continued to work. The elevator shaft went up, the job continued to take shape.

The 20,500 square foot structure, designed as a two-storied motel, due to a very late winter, is now getting roof trusses. The slow winter has been very kind to area builders, even though it's frustrated those depending on snow for their businesses.

But Harold Frenger, construction manager for Beaver Contracting, Nephew's construction company, thanked his lucky stars for the weather. He said "two more weeks, and we'll have the sheathing on the sides and roof. This weather's been great for us. And the snow--it could've waited a little longer."

The Nephew brothers own the Days Inn Motel in Gaylord, but they have yet to select a formal name for their Grayling motel.

Interlochen schedules benefits

by Don Mainprize
Staff Writer

Two Interlochen benefits are planned for the first two weeks of February at Interlochen Arts Academy.

On Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. the musical, "Into the Woods," a satire of fairy tales, will be performed at Interlochen Center for the Arts to benefit the Traverse Area Arts Council.

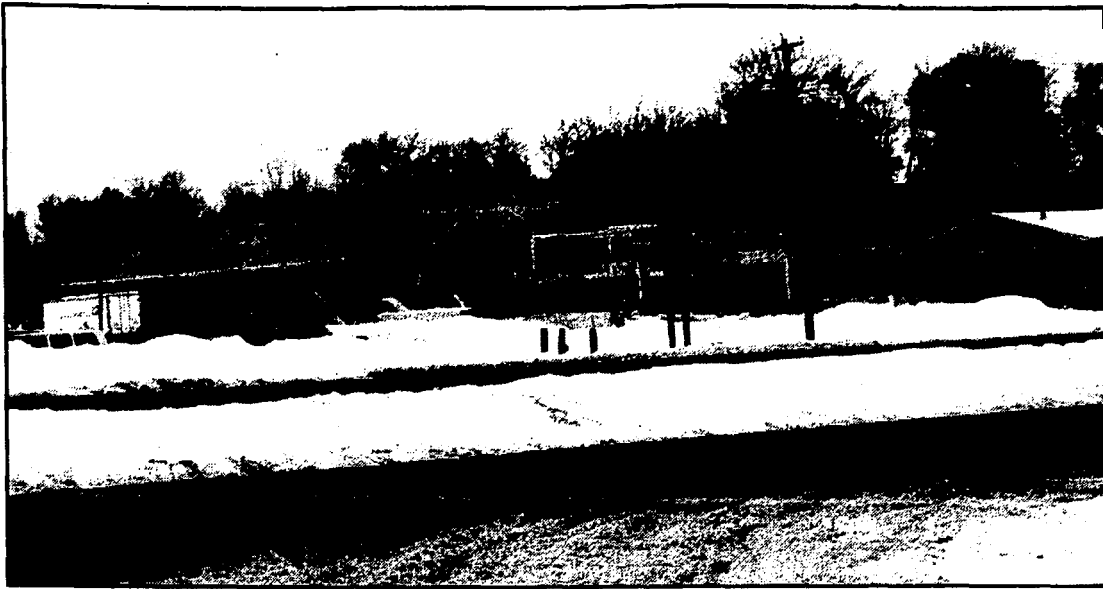
Tickets for the Stephen Sondheim musical are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students 18 or under.

Sondheim uses parts of famous fairy tales to make an absurdist tale of his own where "living happily ever after" is anything but. Six non-benefit performances are also scheduled. The times and dates are 8 p.m. Friday Jan. 30, Saturday Jan. 31 and Saturday Feb. 7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1 and 8.

The second Interlochen benefit is for the Friends of the Interlochen Public Library and features the 95-piece Arts Academy Orchestra highlighting four student concerto soloists at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 at Corson Auditorium.

The students, chosen finalists from 50 contestants in the annual Interlochen competition, are from China, Korea, Texas, and Michigan.

Proceeds from the concert will be used to purchase needed children's books and research materials for the Interlochen Public Library.



MORE ROOMS -- A new motel on the South I-75 Business Loop between the Holiday Inn and Patti's Towne House Restaurant is taking shape. So far, there's no name attached to it. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

MERCY HOSPITAL BIRTHS

Michael Bologna and Christine Markham of Mio announce the arrival of Joseph Michael Bologna born Dec. 26, 1997.

Renan Mota and Julie Gloss of Marquette announce the arrival of Isabel Dali Gloss born Dec. 28, 1997.

Cory Stone of Fife Lake announces the arrival of Cody Stone born Dec. 29, 1997.

Elvis and Nichole Johnson of Grayling announce the arrival of Paige Noel Johnson born Dec. 30, 1997.

Brent Derby and Jamie Vineyard of Beaver Creek announce the arrival of Madison Nicole Vineyard

born Dec. 31, 1997.

Ken and Amy Peterson of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Chadwick James Peterson born Jan. 4, 1998.

Edwin Tompkins and Kelly Harrison of Grayling announce the arrival of Matthew Edwin Tompkins born Jan. 4, 1998.

Jan Grounds and Jill Beebe of Grayling announce the arrival of Syllis Taylor Grounds born Jan. 5,


1998.

Matthew and Candi Piper of Grayling announce the arrival of Ryan Paul Piper born Jan. 6, 1998.

Allen Price and Elizabeth Hays of Mio announce the arrival of Delana Lynn Price born Jan. 9, 1998.

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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

Ballet: bad news for feet

When you watch the wispy young women and athletic young men leap about the stage, it's easy to overlook the pounding that the ballet dancers' toes are taking. Ballet may be an exquisite art form, but it can be a horror show for the feet. This is due to the abnormal weight and stress that is placed on parts of the foot, which were never designed for such demands. It is estimated that as high as 90 percent of ballet dancers have some significant foot problem. These professionals are well aware of the special needs of their feet and the health care vital to maintaining them. Problems often arise, however, for children or adults who take ballet without proper precautions.

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P.S. Preteen children who are allowed to do point work are especially at risk of injury. Check with your doctor!



Family Independence Agency: Who they are and what they do

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

"All people have a presumptive right to privacy," said James Lawless, Services Supervisor for the Crawford County Family Independence Agency — the FIA.

"But, if we have a reason to suspect that a child or vulnerable adult is at risk, we'll not hesitate to get involved."

The Child Protection Law under which the FIA must operate, is not a large, unwieldy document. It does, however, make it crystal clear that those performing under its power are to act strictly within its letters of understanding.

"Relevant evidence" is a key definition found in the law. This "relevant evidence" must exist, or be presumed to exist, before the FIA can act. Suspecting it and actually proving that it exists are often on opposite sides of the legal fence.

"We have many players on our team," said Robert Porter, outgoing Director of the Crawford County FIA. "Some of them are teachers, hospital and mental health officials, private agency personnel, law enforcement officers, and many others in the clerical field. It takes them all to help us do what we do."

Porter speaks openly and proudly of the recently formed Strong Families/Safe Children Coalition. This collaborative effort allows various agencies to cross-index clients and to step into a protective role much sooner than if a single agency was charged with the entire responsibility. Not all information may be freely exchanged, but what can be exchanged between the parties is frequently sufficient to act on behalf of the endangered child or adult.

"We're the fiduciary agency for the Strong Families/Safe Children program," he said meaning that the state has channeled monies through the FIA to support the efforts and formation of the group, as a whole.

Its chartered purpose is to "foster a community and intergovernmental partnership to currently assess the

needs of the area."

"Two years ago, we received the funds to begin the program," Porter said. "We've been getting together since that time, but it hasn't been easy." Porter believes it's finally working, he said.

"The first thing the court wants to know when we petition for the removal of a child from its home," began Lawless, "is what we've done to remedy the situation. The new family court system has been most helpful to us, but we still must show reasonable efforts like offering counseling or show that other prevention measures have not worked. That's where the Strong Families/Safe Children program fits in."

"People often believe that because the living conditions of others do not suit their own standards, that the children in such a home are being abused. It's not always the case," said Porter. The term "child neglect," does indeed cover a lot of territory.

The Act to which all FIA staff must adhere defines — Child Neglect — as "...harm or threatened harm to a child's health or welfare by a parent, legal guardian, or any other person responsible for that child that occurs through either of the following: 1) negligent treatment, including failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care, or 2) placing a child at an unreasonable risk to the child's health or welfare by failure of the parent, legal guardian, or any other person responsible for the child's health or welfare to intervene to eliminate that risk when that person is able to do so and has or shall have, knowledge of the risk."

It's the second of the two points above that usually put teachers, churches, neighbors, and the public at-large in the driver's seat on reporting what they consider "child neglect." And, what they see and what they believe they see, might not be "relevant evidence."

A fairly comprehensive diagram for investigating alleged neglect or abuse exists for the staff of the FIA. The law binds the staff to following the procedures.

An example is that a neighbor might report to them a wide variety of complaints ranging from barking dogs to odorous garbage cans or suspicious comings and goings of large numbers of people from a residence. These are complaints, but they are in no way similar complaints.

Their "action chart" is quite definitive on what they are to do based upon a cursory look at the nature of the complaint. Other agencies often need to be called to assist, and some of them are law enforcement, the health or the zoning officials.

Unsafe sanitary conditions fall

under the jurisdiction of the Health Department, while accumulated trash or abandoned automobiles are a violation of the local zoning ordinances.

Law enforcement officials are called when physical abuse or sexual abuse are suspected. Other reasons FIA staff may call the police are suspected sexual exploitation, severe physical injuries, death, and for the protective needs of the victims or for themselves.

And, while the FIA may not notify law enforcement or other agencies for every complaint they receive, they do move to investigate all of the complaints they receive.

The service manual for FIA states that "protective services are available for all children and must be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Local office administration is to assure that a known and well-publicized system is in place for receiving after-hour telephone complaints."

"The current method for meeting this requirement must be approved by and on record with the Central Office Services Administration. The after-hours telephone number must be made widely available and at a minimum, is to be given to the following: police agencies, juvenile courts, public health staff, physicians, clergy, neighborhood centers, hospitals, schools and other social agencies."

"At least one person must be on call at all times to receive complaints, and to evaluate and act upon them as required..."

"We'll try to reunify the family, if we can," said Porter, "but we won't hesitate to file a petition to remove a child if our investigation shows dangerous living conditions."

"So much of what we see," he continued, "is an accumulated life style. The kids are cold, hungry, they go to school dirty and with no boots or socks."

"Teachers help, of course, and

there's counseling, but what's the underlying problem? How many people live in that home? What's really contributing to the decline in that child's life style?"

The FIA Services Manual notes clearly:

"When alcohol and other drug abuse/addiction interferes with a person's ability to meet parental responsibility and causes harm or threatened harm to the child, these failures of parental duty provide the basis for substantiating a finding of abuse or neglect."

"In many, in most cases," Porter corrected, "we find problems with alcohol or drug abuse."

Local law enforcement, both city and county, both men claimed were most cooperative. When called, they responded; but the lamentable enigma is that once the crisis has passed, it's often only a matter of time before it rekindles and explodes all over again.

"After alcohol abuse," Porter said, "the terrible lack of good affordable housing is a battered issue here. The Habitat for Humanity program is a wonderful thing, but we need many more houses like that."

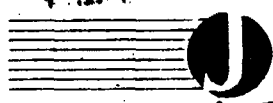
"And because this area does not have many high-paying jobs available, good, low-cost housing is necessary for those who cannot afford high rents. When people work, they need a decent place to raise their families."

"Unfortunately," Porter said, "low income housing is not profitable. We do everything we can to get people into good homes, but sometimes the people screw up — trash the place — and who can blame the landlord for putting all low-income people in the same category?"

In summary, both Lawless and Porter agreed: "Every agency and social group in this county should work together as a multi-purpose collaborative body. Perhaps then, some of the wrongs can be put right."

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Ice Fishermen try their luck from shore

Joel Cooper of Alpena and Rod Alton of Ann Arbor lit a fire, put out a few tip-ups on Lake Margrethe, and just relaxed on shore — waiting for that first big bite.

Both men had opted for fishing from shore when they watched a

snowmobiler bog down in the slush of the lake. They estimated the ice might be six-inches deep in spots, but there was too much open water around the edges for them to venture very far out.

"We're here to enjoy the fishing, if there is any," Joel laughed as he

described how they were baiting their tip-ups with "pike minnows." When told about the size of the big Muskies planted years ago in Lake Margrethe, they decided to "use the pike for bait."

Actually, Cooper and Alton were visiting the area with friends. They were all staying at the Riverview Rod and Hunt Club on the Manistee River.

"Three are skiing and two more are rabbit hunting," Alton said. "We have a bet going on — fish for dinner or rabbit."

"Yeah," said Cooper, "we'll probably have chili."



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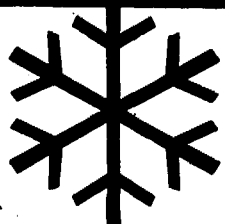
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Snow fun for three days: Feb. 6-7-8

1998 version of Grayling's Winter Wolf Festival all set

The 1998 version of Grayling's Winter Wolf Festival is all set and raring to go.

It even looks as if the snow supplying portion of the weatherman's arsenal is willing to cooperate.

Winter Wolf Festival will be held Feb. 6-7-8, at the Hanson Hills recreation area, just west of Grayling.

Festival buttons, permitting entry to many events during the weekend, are available for \$1 at the Hanson Hills main office, or the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

A wide variety of events is planned, heavy on demonstrations of snow sports, and ranging from a downhill obstacle race, and a snowshoe archery challenge, to chili cookoff, horse drawn sleigh rides,

and a display of the colorful history of Hanson Hills.

The snowshoe archery challenge on Sunday afternoon, requires entry fees and has a variety of prizes.

Contestants nine to 16 years of age will pay \$3, and have 10 yard targets. Contestants 17 and older will pay \$7 and have 15 yard targets. Teams of three will pay \$12. Trophies will go to first, second and third places, and ribbons will be given to all entrants.

All through the weekend, ice sculptures will be on display, sponsored by Grayling Rotary Club.

Here's a thumbnail version of the festival calendar:

Friday, February 6, 1998



SKI JUMP -- The ski jump that once stood on the hill at the Grayling Winter Sports Park was a popular attraction.

6 p.m. — Business Olympics, sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Grayling.

6 p.m. — Grayling High School Ski Team Torch Parade.

7 p.m. — Midnight — Beach Party at Fred Bear Memorial Center. Volleyball, barbecue and music for sixth to 12th graders, sponsored by Christian Youth Activity Center. Admission \$3.50.

Saturday, February 7, 1998

11 a.m. — Group cross country ski lesson, free with Festival Button. Meet at the cross country lodge.

Noon - 4 p.m. — Bake sale and 50/50 raffle, sponsored by Hanson Hills Ski School.

Noon - 4 p.m. — Snowshoe demonstration, free with festival button, sponsored by Michigan Snowshoe Center.

Noon - 8 p.m. — Horse drawn sleigh rides. \$5 per person. Call ahead for reservations.

1 p.m. — Group ice skating lesson. Free. Meet at the ice rink.

1 to 8 p.m. — Seat ski demonstrations. Free with festival button. Sponsored by Speed Fever Sports Co.

1 to 8 p.m. — Ski and snowboard demonstrations. Free with festival button. Sponsored by Dynastar, Original Sin and Look.

2 p.m. — Competition and games. Meet at ice rink.

3 p.m. — Snowboard competition. Slalom and freestyle. Meet at bottom of #1. Sponsored by Paul and Kathy Olson.

4 p.m. — \$1 downhill ski night. Sponsored by Gannon Broadcasting and Decades.

5 p.m. — Group downhill ski lessons. Free with festival button. Meet at Bunny Hill. Sponsored by

Hanson Hills Ski School.

6 p.m. — Downhill ski races. All ages meet at top of the Bowl, next to the race shack. Sponsored by Hanson Hills Ski School.

Noon - 3 p.m. — Chili Cook Off.

Vote for your favorite chili for \$1. Main room of the main lodge. Sponsored by Grayling Promotional Association.

Noon - 4 p.m. — Bake sale and

stations. Free with festival button. Sponsored by Speed Fever Sports Co.

Noon - 3 p.m. — History of Hanson Hills display in the main lodge, presented by Historical



SNOW TRAIN -- Winter sports enthusiasts frequently came to Grayling on the Snow Train from Detroit. Traffic was heavy at Winter Carnival time.

Sunday, February 8, 1998

8 to 11 a.m. — Breakfast. Sponsored by Grayling Youth Booster Club. \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children 12 and under. Pancakes, sausage, hashbrowns, juice and coffee.

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. — Practice session, Snowshoe Archery Challenge. Meet at Bear's Bowmen Archery Building. Equipment will be provided.

50/50 raffle. Sponsored by Hanson Hills Ski School.

Noon - 4 p.m. — Ski and snowboard demonstrations. Free with festival button. Sponsored by Dynastar, Original Sin and Look.

Noon - 4 p.m. — Snowshoe demonstration. Free with festival button. Sponsored by Michigan Snowshoe Center.

Noon - 3 p.m. — Horse drawn sleigh rides. \$5 per person. Call ahead for reservations.

Noon - 3 p.m. — Seat ski demon-

Society.

12:30 - 2:30 p.m. — Snowshoe Archery Challenge. Meet at the softball field. One mile run on snowshoes with three targets.

1 p.m. — Citizens Bank downhill obstacle race. Everyone welcome. Meet at the top of the Bowl, next to the race shack.

2 p.m. — Nature walk on snowshoes. Sponsored by Hartwick Pines and Michigan Snowshoe Center.

3 p.m. — Award ceremony, raffle drawings. Main room, main lodge.

Grayling Winter Carnival: The evolution of a local tradition

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

The first Miss Grayling — the young lady was then called the Winter Sports Carnival Queen — was crowned in 1929. Sixty nine years ago, this local tradition began with snow trains arriving from Detroit, Chicago, Bay City, Saginaw and many other points south. The railroad cars were packed with enthusiastic crowds, vitality spilling from every coach. Winter had arrived and Grayling came alive with activity.

The 1998 Winter Carnival will be in February. Four local businessmen saw those early crowds of eager visitors as an economic boon to the community and wanted them to stay, to linger and to enjoy what the north had to offer. They produced a tradition, which is still giving a rush of

delight to the young women involved and to the community, as well.

Charles McNamara of Mac & Gidley Drugs, Clarence Johnson of Johnson Furniture, A. J. Joseph of the Grayling Mercantile and Harold McNeven of Spike's Keg o Nails established the Winter Sports Park in 1937. Little is known of where the out of door activities of the early pageantry took place, but much of the pomp was conducted at the high school and at the Shoppenagon Hotel.

This early winter recreation was widely advertised in the "Visit Michigan" brochures, and was operated by the Division of Parks and Recreation of the Michigan Department of Conservation. The brochure said the area included "600 acres of forests and rugged hills west

of Grayling." The park was located where Hanson Hills is currently housed.

A nominal fee of 10 cents was charged at the entrance and for an additional 15 cents, you could park in a "cleared parking lot." Buses paid a 50 cents fee, and the brochures continues with warm overtures to the public promising "commodious warming houses and a restaurant."

Snowshoes, skis and "those tricky saddle skis" were also for rent, and toboggan rides were only 10 cents. "You can also check your duffel for a dime." Even then, the Chamber of Commerce of Grayling was busy—taking calls for "a room or cottage for a day, a week or weekend."

The park "wasn't designed for those ski and skate professionals who leap a hundred feet from a sky

high jump or who twirl in dizzy whirls on a rink. It was built and is being operated for you and me — for folks whose ankles may turn a little, who sometimes cross their skis when they don't mean to, and who scream while the toboggan flies its dizzy course down the incline."

This Grayling Winter Sports Park was state-owned and boasted a toboggan run — six actually — 3,100 foot slide over ice. They were "the only steel wall constructed slides in the world and they insure maximum speed and safety."

As early tradition also called for winter sports games and regalia, later tradition brought majestic, spectacular ice castles and thrones to the pageantry of the carnival.

Michigan's governors, especially G. Mennen (Soapy) Williams, never missed a photo opportunity such as crowning the Winter Carnival Queen. Other dignitaries like Fred Bear of Bear Archery fame, often attended and honored the queen and her court.

The ice throne of 1962 was designed by John Deckrow. The Statue of Liberty ice colossus was made of 7,000 separate blocks of ice. P. J. Hoffmaster, then the Michigan Conservation Director, crowned queen Yvonne Bradley that year, but the ice throne itself was celebrated by the new media on a nation-wide scale.

An interesting photo of the Queen's Court in 1938 shows the enigmatic murals of the Shoppenagon Hotel in the background. The luncheon for the court that year was held in the dining room

of the hotel. These panoramic landscapes were the work of Waldemar "Painter" Jensen.

The Grayling Snow Queen and her court were all Grayling High School students.

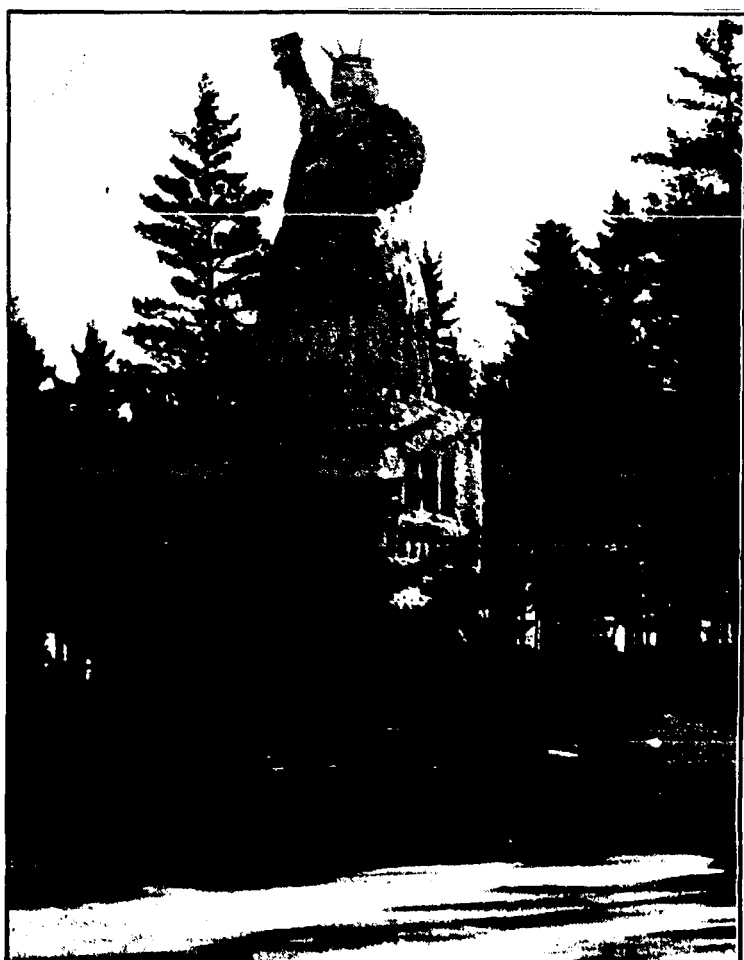
Volumes of photographs and news clippings have been collected and retained by the Crawford County Museum. Many are labeled and much of interest about the early pageants can be found there.

Some years, after thousands of

hours of preparation, the rains would come and wash everything away, ruining the throne and the toboggan runs. There were other times, when the train could not get through or was delayed because of weather. Crowds of tired people would then disembark and enter a sleepy Grayling long after their scheduled arrival. The Shoppenagon Hotel, the record says, was the "best in town at trying to keep some of their dinners warm for the weary revelers."




UNLOADING -- As people arrived on Sunday in Grayling on the Snow Train, they climbed aboard open-air trucks for the ride to the Winter Sports Park. When this picture was taken sometime in the 1930s, the familiar bugaboo of scarce snow was evident then, too.



ICE THRONE -- In 1962, this ice throne, designed by John Deckrow, added a touch of splendor to the Grayling Winter Sports Festival.

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Defense sparks Viking victory over Glenn

by Dave Golnick
Student Writer

The Varsity Boys' Basketball team last week defeated the John Glenn Bobcats 75-59.

High scorers in the game were Nate Hinkle with 29 points, Brad Ritter 16, Eli Tobin 11, Nate Beckwith 6, and Mike Ostwald, Travis Huber, and Jeremy Jones each with 2.

The first quarter ran on at a sluggish pace, with both teams playing good defense and keeping the score low. Grayling struggled toward the end of the quarter and fell behind 5-3 to the Bobcats at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter the Vikings picked up the tempo tremendously,

running their offense well and continuing to play tight defense. The Vikings started to pick up momentum in the second quarter and built the momentum through the entire quarter. Grayling led 37-32 at half-time.

During the third quarter both teams were plagued by many missed shots. The Viking defense

remained relentless, and the pressure put on by the Grayling defenders caused John Glenn to make bad decisions with the ball, leading to turnovers and Grayling points.

The Vikings got another momentum boost when the Bobcats' head coach received two technical fouls and was sent to the locker room. Grayling went on to dominate the

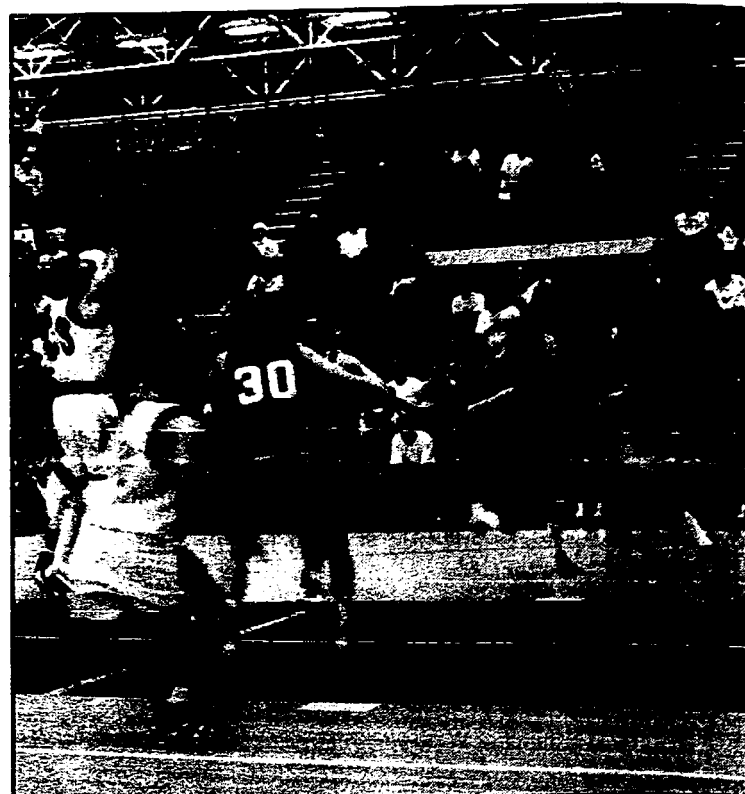
quarter, leading 61-41 by the end.

The fourth quarter was totally dominated by Grayling. The Viking defense remained strong, although the offense was slowed down by fatigue. The Bobcats could never turn the tide of the game, and so lost 75-59.

Head Coach Rich Moffit had this to say about the game:

"I thought we played with good intensity, and our defense did great in the third quarter," said Coach Rich Moffit. "Our great defense was the difference in the game, and was definitely the key to victory."

In a game against Standish Sterling last week (Jan. 16), the Vikings dropped a 68-62 decision.



LET 'ER FLY -- Eli Tobin lets fly a long one as the Grayling varsity defeated Bay City John Glenn. Nate Hinkle (23) moves in to help.

Jayvee Boys' basketball team defeats John Glenn

Dave Golnick
Student Writer

The Junior Varsity boys' basketball team last week defeated the Bay City John Glenn Bobcats, 62-50.

In the first half of the game, the Vikings and the Bobcats were neck and neck the entire time, with Grayling grasping short-lived leads all through the first and second quarters.

The Viking utilized their trap to full advantage, causing John Glenn to turn the ball over often. This quick trap led to easy Grayling baskets and gave Grayling a sure lead going into half-time. But the Bobcats fought back to bring the score within four points by controlling most of the rebounds at the end of the half. The score at half-time was 28-24 Grayling.

The second half was also con-

trolled by the Vikings, and good defense helped ensure victory.

Just as the Grayling offense started to slow down, the defense made up for the lack of offensive production and caused the Bobcats to waste precious time running after tipped balls. This great defensive effort also drained the Bobcats of their confidence, as pass after pass was deflected away from its target by a Grayling defender.

The Vikings successfully ran out the clock in the fourth quarter, to win the game 62-50. Coach Butch Hayes had this to say about the game: "I thought the kids played with great intensity and poise under pressure. It was an all-around good effort."

Against Standish Sterling on Jan. 16, the Viking J.V. lost, 60-50.



TO THE LANE -- Brian McCurdy (30) powers up the shot as Brad Wilson (44) and Brad Gorski (22) get in position for a rebound as the Grayling Jayvees beat John Glenn.

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Viking Freshman cagers win a pair, but see winning streak come to an end

Grayling's Ninth Grade boys basketball team racked up a couple of wins last week, then saw its previously unbeaten record come to a halt Monday in a final-second heart breaking loss to Standish Sterling.

On Jan. 12, Oscoda fell victim to Coach Doug Simons' freshman Vikings 67-44.

The Vikes came out flat in the first half, then adjusted at halftime and played a lot better in the home stretch.

Coach Simons credited the bench with making the difference in the game.

"Our bench has been consistent all year and showed up again in this game," Simons said.

"I give our team a lot of credit in that when things were not going well for us, they didn't panic. They showed a lot of poise in sticking to the game plan and things worked out for us."

Levi Burkett led the Viking attack with 17 points. Ryan Mahaffy had 13 and Kyle Langseth 10.

Next on Jan. 15 came a remarkably similar performance against Bay City John Glenn, with the Vikes winning again 59-44.

Once more Grayling was flat in

the first half, but came out in the second half with what Coach Simons called "some of our best defense of the season."

He said "Bay City was one of the better teams we have played so far this season. They are well-coached and worked hard."

On the Viking defense, Simons said that Dan Hall, Kyle Langseth and Dave Golnick all turned in good performances. Leading scorers were Langseth with 13, Levi Burkett with 12 and Ryan Mahaffy with 10.

The heart-breaker came Jan. 19 against Standish Sterling in a 53-51 loss, the Vikes' first defeat of the season.

The score was tied at 51-all with only a couple of seconds left, when a foul permitted Standish Sterling to sink two free throws which turned out to be the difference. The Vikes still got a couple of shots to tie the score, but neither fell through the nets.

The game was rough and tumble and close all the way, and the lead changed hands several times.

Standish Sterling thus completed a sweep of the Viking cage teams. On Jan. 16, Standish Sterling Varsity and Jayvee teams also defeated the Grayling Varsity and Jayvee teams.



GOING UP -- Kyle Langseth goes in for a layup against Standish Sterling, as the Viking Ninth Graders' perfect season came to an end Monday night.

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7TH GRADE WHITE TEAM - (front row, left to right) Ben Hebel, Jesse Van Slyke, Eric Hunter, Adam Johns (middle row, left to right) Eric Kahn, Brock McClanahan, Jared Welch, Josh Jurkovich, Travis Fagan, Matt Strohpaal (back row, left to right) Matt Boardman, James Lawrence, Josh Messerschmidt, Shawn Ferrell and Coach Mark Hartman.

7th Grade Basketball White Team

Date	Opponent	Date	Time
January 21	Roscommon	A	5:00
January 29	Surline	H	5:15
February 2	Gladwin	H	5:00
February 5	Tawas	A	5:00

Tournaments at Roscommon February 10, 11 & 12



7th GRADE GREEN TEAM - (front row, left to right) Robert Jewell, Jessie Gildner, Brett Mead (middle row, left to right) Caleb Mead, Jenson Dreasky, Adam Kaiser, Chris Wakeley (back row, left to right) Doug Pummel, Chris Wooster, James Kenney, Shawn Vanluchene, Danny Mahaney, Todd Gaffke.

7th Grade Basketball Green Team

Date	Opponent	Date	Time
January 21	Roscommon	A	5:00
January 29	Surline	H	5:15
February 2	Gladwin	H	5:00
February 5	Tawas	A	5:00

Tournaments at Grayling February 16, 17 & 18

Vike wrestlers thrive on busy schedule

The pace is picking up considerably for the Grayling High School wrestling team, with dual meets and tournaments filling the schedule.

The Vikes will be in action Thursday (Jan. 22) at home against Ogemaw Heights and Oscoda, and then travel to Whittemore-Prescott on Saturday (Jan. 24) to compete with eight other teams in an invitational tournament.

Last week's invitational (Jan. 17) at Ithaca featured 18 teams, and Coach Don Ferguson's Vikings wound up in 10th place.

Ben Malonen of Grayling won the 140 pound division, defeating two state qualifiers at that weight, and one previously undefeated wrestler.

Other Viking winners at Ithaca: Dave Shepherd, third at 135 pounds; Mark Hopkins, fourth at 152 pounds; Matt Evon, fifth at 103

Frosh volleyballers split pair of games

On Monday, Jan. 12 the Freshmen girls' volleyball team traveled to Oscoda and defeated the Owls in the best of five match, three games to one. The Viking squad served well and played good defense.

On Wednesday, Jan. 14, the team traveled to Bay City John Glenn and lost the best of five match, three games to none. Again, the Vikes served well, but didn't execute too well on offense.

pounds; Larry Baker, seventh at 125 pounds; and Nate Niederer, seventh at 160 pounds.

Josh Niederer at 112 pounds ran into some tough luck at Ithaca. After winning his first two matches, Josh Niederer had to pull out of the tournament because of injury.

In last week's (Jan. 15) dual meet with Mancelona, Grayling won 42-

34. All Grayling wins came by pins.

Winning pinners were Matt Evon at 103 pounds, Josh Niederer at 112 pounds, Mariann Vollmer at 119, Larry Baker at 130, Ben Malonen at 140, Mark Hopkins at 152 and Jason Dasho at heavyweight.

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News.

by Cindy Olson

OPEN GYM - The Fred Bear Memorial Center Gym is open on Tuesdays for K-2nd grade and Thursdays for 3rd-6th grade, 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. and the cost is \$2 per person.

ROLLERBLADE HOCKEY - Register by 4 p.m., Friday, Jan. 23. The season begins Feb. 7. \$20 registration fee before Jan. 23, add \$5 for late registrations. Play held in the Fred Bear Memorial Center Gym on Saturday mornings. All players must have approved safety helmet with mask, rollerblades, shin guards, knee and elbow pads, wrist guards and hockey stick.

5th - 8th GRADE GIRL'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM - The first game has been changed to Jan. 24, with Saturday morning games. \$20 registration fee includes a T-shirt, Certificate, 8 games and referees. You may register at the GRA Main Office. For more information please call 348-9266.

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SKI SCHOOL - This season ski school will be offering class lessons in 4 week blocks with an 8 week option. This is designed for the convenience of our students. Classes begin the first week in January and prices start as low as \$49. As always we still offer Private, Semi-private and Group lessons on the hour daily. For more information call Jessica at 348-9266.

HORSE DRAWN SLEIGH RIDE - Every Saturday evening 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. \$5 per person. 3 years and under no charge. Please call ahead for reservations.

ICE SKATING LESSONS - Registration is now open for ice skating lessons beginning Tuesday and Thursday for one half hour each day. Late afternoon times will be determined by need. \$20 per person. We hope that lessons will begin Tuesday, Jan. 20 depending on the weather. Everyone that is signed up for classes will receive a call to confirm the starting date.

INTERNET - Visit us at our new home page - www.hansonhills.org or E-mail us at hanhills@mich.com. You can check out all the happenings at Hanson Hills.

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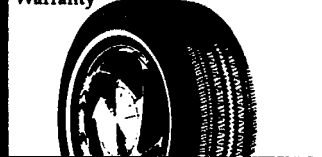


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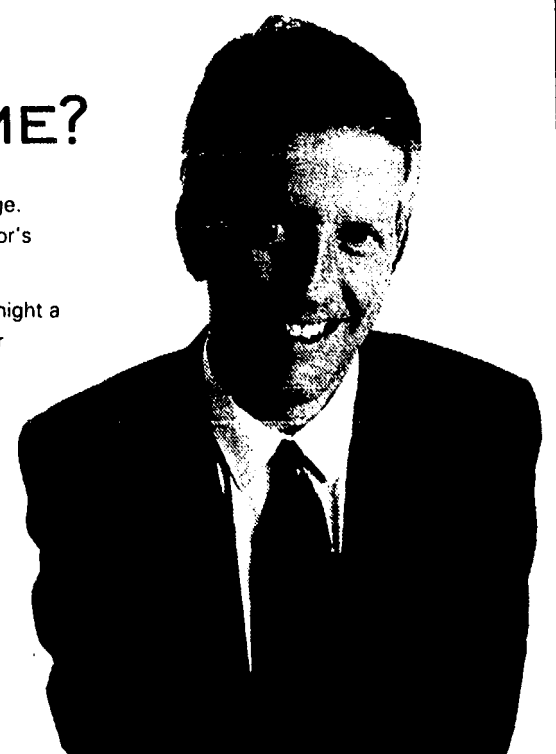
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Grayling hunter enjoys 'the hunt of a lifetime' on trip to the Yukon

(Editor's note: Jerry Skidmore, for 22 years controller of AJD Forest Products in Grayling, recently spent 11 great hunting days in the Yukon. In a recent issue of Lumbermen's Equipment Digest, Skidmore wrote in his own words of the adventure. The article is reprinted here.)

The hunt took place in the middle of August. We flew into Whitehorse in the Yukon, then had a 2 1/2 hour float plane trip to SW corner of Yukon. I was hunting with Dickson Outfitters. It was a very successful outing. The moose (picture here) had a nice 57 inch spread. I spotted it while glassing on adjoining draining. He went down with one shot. I couldn't believe it! I had passed on a 53 inch moose the first morning, judging it to be too small.

A dall ram was my priority. This was my hunt of a lifetime.

We spotted 25 rams the first day. We climbed two mountains and still could not get to them. We were only at 6,500 feet but I wasn't sure at all I would make it up the second one.

But the next day, once up there, it was all worth while. The scenery was really spectacular. We spotted sheep from tent camp one drainage over.

Leaving camp at 8 a.m., we climbed all morning. We had rain

and a lot of fog. We crested ridges thinking we had to be right there on top of them. But there was always another ridge.

It was real nerve racking. But as you can imagine, I was really pumped. We'd seen the sheep at the foot of a big rock wall. So we knew we had to be close. Lots of fresh sheep tracks all around us as we kept climbing.

The fog started to clear as we got to within 10 yards of cresting of what we hoped was the last ridge. The guide crawled up; to the top and pretty soon waved for me to move up. There they were eight sheep, all rams. I really got excited.

When I poked my head over the crest I still didn't believe how far off they still were. We'd been climbing 5 1/2 hours and the sheep had moved out onto a rock outcropping several hundred yards from where we first saw them. We couldn't figure out any way to get closer. They'd seen us and were slowly moving away.

I told the guide I thought I could hit them. He guessed the range at 300 yards, but my Leupold scope had a range estimator and it said 400+. My scope was zeroed at 3" + at a hundred yards. I was shooting a Winchester 300 mag. I guessed my



TROPHY DALL — Jerry Skidmore is shown with his trophy dall ram, brought down after an exhausting hunt in the Yukon.

bullet drop was going to be about 15 inches.

Then we had some confusion over which one I was to shoot. When we agreed, I held two inches high over his back. I touched it off. The ram immediately bolted uphill. Both the guide and the wrangle yelled, "You missed!" I was just ready to touch off a second shot when the ram collapsed and slid downhill out of sight.

We had to wait about 20 minutes before going after it. I had shot the lead ram, and the others milled

around before moving off. It took 30 minutes of some treacherous climbing to get to him. It had flared horns, both sides broomed off. It was a 10-year-old which made it a trophy within itself. I had my dall.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Pool League

Sawmill II.....	132
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Legion.....	96
Plaza.....	94
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5 ball run.....	Beth P. of Sawmill I, Sandy P. of Legion and Melonie R. of Sawmill II.

Men's Pool League

Weyerhaeuser*.....	21-15
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Plaza.....	17-19
Holiday Inn.....	16-20
Breakers.....	14-22
Frederic Inn.....	11-7
Red Barn.....	9-9
8 ball run.....	Bernie of Plaza.
7 ball run.....	Tom and John of Plaza.
6 ball run.....	Tom of Plaza, Greg and Mark of Weyerhaeuser*, Rex of Frogies, Phil of Holiday Inn and John of Breakers.

YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE

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Black Sheep.....	6-3
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High Game: Male: K. Fedak, 137; Female: K. Davis, 131.	
High Series: Male: K. Fedak, 248; Female: K. Davis, 241.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: J. Urick, 47; Female: J. Mathey, 37.	
Most Pins over Series: Male: 0; Female: C. Prosser, 0.	

Cartoon League

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Scooby Doo's.....	2-7
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High Game: Male: J. Lobsinger, 151; Female: D. Lovely, 126.	
High Series: Male: J. Mastej, 248; Female: D. Lovely, 234.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: J. Lobsinger, 60; Female: Michelle McGuire, 43.	
Most Pins over Series: Male: J. Armstrong, 37; Female: J. Ramsey, 41.	

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High Game: Male: D.J. Canfield, 190; Female: D. Baker, 164.	
High Series: Male: D.J. Canfield, 480; Female: D. Baker, 457.	
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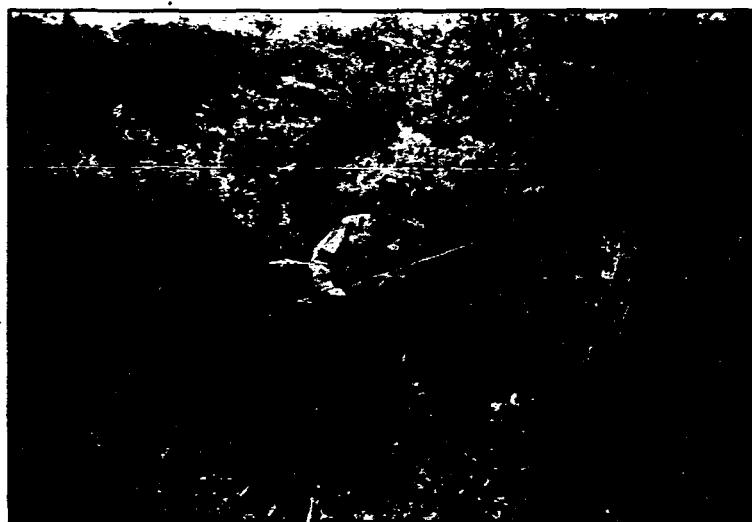
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BIG MOOSE — Jerry Skidmore downed this big moose on his August hunting trip to the Yukon. The rack had a 57 inch spread.

Snowfall helps ski race finally get up and running

Thanks to a little help from "Mother Nature", the Citizen's Bank free race clinic at Hanson Hills got off to an exciting start. The snowfall of the past week made it possible to set courses and get the race clinic up and running.

Director of the clinic, John Alef, said "The turnout was light but the kids seemed to enjoy getting back into the competitive racing."

Alef went on to say, "We had 34 kids participate in the various age groups and should see more in the weeks to come."

The race clinic is free to children age pre-school through eighth grade. Practice starts at about 1 p.m. on Sunday. The kids are required to have a lift ticket and ski equipment but the race clinic is free.

Gracie Calkins finished 1st for the Pre-school and Kindergarten girls.

Taylor Doremire took 2nd.

In the boys' group Michael Olson skied to a 1st place finish, Alex Sloan followed him.

Jessica Riddle led the way for the first and second grade girls, Avery Diola placed 2nd, Rachel Doremire 3rd, Emily Sloan 4th and Gabby Calkins 5th.

Chas Sloan was the lone racer in the first and second grade boys' group.

Jill Seager placed 1st in the third and fourth grade girls, Michelle McGuire followed her.

Zach Dean topped the third and fourth grade boys, Andrew Hart was 2nd and Scot Olson 3rd.

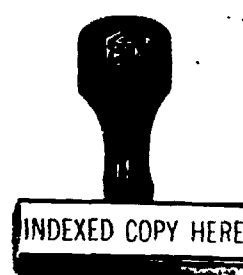
In fifth and sixth grade girls, Allyson Diola placed 1st, Mallory Olson 2nd, Jodi Riddle 3rd, and Beth Lucey 4th.

Joey Highlen maintained the tradition with a first place finish in the fifth and sixth grade boys' division, Matt Seager was 2nd, Trevor Clough 3rd, Patrick McNally 4th, Paul Montagne 5th, Greg Kalonich 6th, Ben Lucey 7th and Anthony Neal 8th.

Andrea Alvarez was the 1st place finisher for the seventh and eighth grade girls.

Kiel Clough led the way for the seventh and eighth grade boys, Eric Hart was 2nd, Ben McNally 3rd, Chris McGuire 4th, Eric Hunter 5th and Josh Messerschmidt 6th.

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Buccilli's.....	9-19	Avalanche.....	5-11
McLean's Ace.....	9-19	Aunt Betty's.....	3-13
High Game: L. Davis, Jr., 247; P. Faustman, 221; M. Keir, 216.		High Game: M. Kroell, 242; M. Miller, 199; G. Nielson, 196.	
High Series: L. Davis, Jr., 598; P. Faustman, 577; T. Kotrash, 559.		High Series: M. Kroell, 541; G. Nielson, 513; M. Miller, 512.	

Northwood League		Senior Citizens League	
Helsel Brothers.....	12	Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us.....	41 1/2-30 1/2
Rich's Cycle Service.....	11	Buccilli's Pizza.....	41-31
Millikin's.....	10	Stevens Family Circle.....	40-32
Wakeley's Auto Parts.....	9	Baynam Wood Products.....	37-35
R & M Masonry.....	7	Cornell Realty.....	34 1/2-37 1/2
Milltown Carpet.....	6	Totten's Body Shop.....	32 1/2-39 1/2
Rochette's.....	5	Flowers by Josie.....	31 1/2-40 1/2
R. Calkins & Sons.....	4	Sylvester's Sports.....	30-42
High Game: N. Glasslee, 210; K. Schmidt, 203; S. France, 199.		Men's High Game: A. Smith, 208; K. Harris, 188; H. Ingram, 187.	
High Series: M. Miller, 548; S. France, 523; N. Glasslee, 516.		Men's High Series: A. Smith, 530; R. Biron, 525; O. Brantley, 513.	
Friday Night Mixed Doubles		Women's High Game: J. Miller, 174; R. Joyce, 170; D. Mead, 164.	
Charles Country Corner.....	18-2	Women's High Series: R. Joyce, 486; D. Hall, 460; D. Mead, 455.	
Aunt Betty's.....	15-5	Recreation League	
Sutles.....	11-9	Peterson Saw Service.....	11-5
Moshier Auto Repair.....	10-10	Mark 8.....	11-5
A. Bulldog Towing.....	8-12	North Country R.V.....	10-6
Fick & Sons.....	8-12	Glen's Market.....	9-7
AJD Forest Products.....	7-13	Fun-N-Sun Rental.....	7-9
Sawmill.....	3-17	Scheer Motors.....	6-10
Men's High Game: R. Buskirk, 242, 214; M. Campbell, 212; R. Moshier, 198.		Cornell's.....	6-10
Men's High Series: R. Buskirk, 658; J. Campbell, 544; M. Campbell, 524.		Mickey Perez CPA.....	4-12
Women's High Game: K. Trudeau, 197; S. Sumner, 190; B. Buskirk, 186.		High Game: J. Michal, 233; B. Wheeler, 204; S. Noeske, 199.	
Women's High Series: S. Sumner, 533; K. Trudeau, 504; B. Buskirk, 491.		High Series: N. Root, 516; B. Wheeler, 508; G. Neilson, 502.	

LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS Meeting held on December 8, 1997

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 p.m.

II. Members Present: Stevens, Golinick, Palmer, Brown, Ruddy. Members Absent: None. Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Verna Meharg, John Meharg, Brian Olszewski, Auditor, Linda Stephens, Shirley Schmoock, Bob Bovee, Fay Bovee, Dennis Palmer, Deb Golden, Jim Golden, Tim Smith, Dick Millman, Terry Wright, Dennis Long, Susan Bateson, Fred Fedak.

III. 97-117.

Moved by Golinick, supported by Ruddy that the minutes of the meeting of November 24, 1997 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0; motion carried.

IV. Citizens who wish to speak. None.

V. Communications were received and noted.

a. From MDOT regarding band signs.

b. Article regarding sidewalk snow removal on Michigan Avenue.

c. Copies of Crawford County Board Minutes of November 25, 1997 and Agenda for the December 9, 1997 Meeting.

d. Christmas letter to the Police Department from Chelsie Lade Hoeblerling.

VI. Old Business.

a. Ms. Brown asked about Council appointing someone to attend township meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Mayor Stevens replied that assignment of a council member to attend was not necessary but that the meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend.

b. Ms. Brown asked about the sidewalks projects. She noted that more complete legal data would be needed prior to council action on proposed program for 1998. City Manager will check further documentation and bring back to Council when he has checked with the City Attorney.

VII. New business.

a. 1996-97 Audit Report by Hill, Schroderus & Co. Brian Olszewski from Hill, Schroderus & Co. explained the audit report and went over different departments with Council. Council thanked Mr. Olszewski and will direct any questions from Council to him.

b. Request Liquor License at 1232 I-75 BL.

97-118

Moved by Brown, supported by Stevens to allow the Liquor Request at 1232 I-75 BL as presented. Ayes: 4; Nays: 0; Absent: 0; Abstain: 1; (Palmer); motion carried.

c. Employee request for Leave of Absence.

97-119

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golinick to grant employee request for leave of absence. Ayes: 4; Nays: 1 (Brown); Absent: 0; motion carried.

d. Request of COOR for Summer Tax Collection

97-120

Moved by Golinick, supported by Stevens to collect the 1998 Summer Tax for COOR as requested. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0; motion carried.

e. Employee & Volunteer Christmas Recognition.

97-121

Moved by Steven, supported by Golinick to

give gift certificates for groceries for Christmas in the amount of \$15.00 to each city employee and volunteers. Ayes: 4, Nays: 1 (Brown); Absent: 0; motion carried.

VIII. Reports of City Manager.

a. Resolution honoring William Holborn for 10 years of service with the volunteer fire department.

97-122

Moved by Stevens, supported by Ruddy that

WHEREAS, WILLIAM F. HOLBORN became a member of the Grayling City and Township Fire Department on December 14, 1987, and

WHEREAS, he has served with distinction for ten years as a Volunteer Fireman, and

WHEREAS, he has regularly attended weekly department meetings, training sessions, work details, serving on various committees and as Department Secretary, and

WHEREAS, he has given of himself and his time in unselfish service to his community.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Grayling that they hereby express their appreciation to WILLIAM F. HOLBORN for ten years of dedicated service to the citizens of Grayling and Grayling Township.

Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0; motion carried.

IX. Reports of Council Members.

a. Ms. Palmer asked about taking more time when going over material at Council Meeting.

b. Ms. Palmer asked about a snowmobile meeting that was in the council packet which she got after the meeting. How could council member get information sooner.

c. Ms. Brown requested that city staff tape council meetings and retain tapes for 6 months.

d. Ms. Brown regarding the Public Hearing for rezoning in January and Master Plan. She also asked about other city ordinances. Mr. Morford noted that copies of city ordinances are given as needed. He will furnish each council member a copy of list of ordinances.

e. Ms. Brown wondered if we have a monthly report from the different departments. There is not a written report. She would like to eventually visit and learn from the different department heads. Fire & Police activity reports are given to Council as received from the two departments.

f. Ms. Brown noted that Verna Meharg's last day was Friday and wondered when the position will be filled. Mr. Morford is working on filling the position.

g. Ms. Brown asked about labor negotiations. Mr. Morford and Mr. Fremont will report back to Council when information is available.

X. Adjournment

97-123

Moved by Stevens, supported by Ruddy that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford
City Manager & City Clerk

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Regular Board Meeting of December 9, 1997

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bretzke at 10:10 a.m. on December 9, 1997 in the Crawford County Courthouse.

Members Present: Bretzke, Hartman, Long, Black, Corlew, and Smock.

Absent: None.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds absent. She was attending a training seminar in Oscoda County.

There were also other visitors present.

—Approved the minutes of the November 25, 1997 Regular Board Meeting.

—Approved the Ways & Means Committee Report and payment of the following vouchers: General Fund Balance from the Open Invoice Report: \$61,804.33; Prepaid vouchers: \$25,700.96; Environmental Control Fund: \$239.41; Commissioners Per Diem: Black - \$138.00 per diem and \$73.75 mileage; Bretzke - \$32.00 per diem and \$49.56 mileage; Corlew - \$138.00 per diem; Hartman - \$32.00 per diem and \$11.88 mileage; Smock - \$32.00 per diem.

—Amended the agenda to allow the proposed Sportsplex Election Presentation.

—Accepted the correspondence as presented.

—Approved the Local Emergency Planning Committee By Laws as presented.

—Requested that the County Clerk place an advertisement to accept bids for the maintenance of White Pine and Canoe Harbor Campgrounds and Wakeley Bridge Park.

—Approved a Resolution of Concurrence with the 1997-98 Northeast Michigan Annual Economic Development Program Annual Report.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office.

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 97-4199 CK (M)
CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, Plaintiff
VS
HOWARD D. BERGER, TERRY E. BERGER, MARTIN P. POTZGER AND GEORGIA L. POTZGER, Defendants
David R. Sabin P19822
Attorney for Plaintiff
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5588
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS GIVEN that by virtue of a Judgement of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, Michigan, dated December 1, 1997, directing the sale of the following-described property, I shall offer the said property for public sale to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan in Crawford County, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court on Friday, February 20, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.

The West 60 feet of Lot 2, Block 3, Brink's Second Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof, and the attached mobile home, Serial No. 0292, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

Dated: 1-15-98 -22-29-5-12

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate

File No.
Estate of Evelyn M. Brow, deceased 369-34-1836.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:
The decedent, whose last known address was 11159 Willows Road, South Branch, Michigan, died Nov. 8, 1997.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, LeRoy W. Brow, 6444 Willard Road, Millington, Michigan, 48746 or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, 49738, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Lisa M. Jolley P51297
UAW-GM Legal Service Plan
1501 Genesee Towers
Flint, MI 48502
(810) 257-0470

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Regular Board Meeting of November 25, 1997.

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bretzke at 10:00 a.m. on November 25, 1997 in the County Courthouse.

Members present: Bretzke, Hartman, Long, Black, Corlew, and Smock.

Absent: None.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds present.

There were also other visitors present.

Approved the revised Board Minutes for the November 7, 1997 Regular Board meeting.

Accepted the correspondence as presented.

Supported the Resolution as presented by the North Central Michigan Community Foundation claiming the Foundation and the County as the "Official" Community Foundation of Crawford County.

Supported the Crawford County Recycling Day which will be held December 14, 1997 from noon until 6 p.m. located at the Grayling Township Recycling Center.

Agreed to adopt the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forest Management Division Estimate of Authorized Expenditures Marine Safety Program in the total State Apportionment of \$65,845.00.

Agreed to make the County position of Environmental Monitoring Official presently held by Patrick Merrill a permanent position and to have Commissioners Corlew and Smock provide a six month report of his services.

Agreed to conduct the 1998 Organization Board Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 5, 1998 in the Crawford County Courthouse.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office

Sandra Moore,
County Clerk/ Reg. of Deeds

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No.: 97-326-GC
CENTURY 21 RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE, INC. Plaintiff
JAY C. and AMANDA J. RASMSEY, Defendants
CAREY & ASSOCIATES P.C.
By: Eric G. Blubaugh (P55427)
2375 S. I-75 Business Loop
P.O. Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5232

ORDER TO ANSWER
TO JAY C. AND AMANDA J. RASMSEY
1. An action has been filed against you for breach of contract regarding certain real property located within Crawford County.

2. IT IS ORDERED that you shall file your answer with this Court and serve it upon the attorney for the Plaintiff, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, within 28 days of the last publication of this Order.

3. Failure to comply with this Order results in a judgement of default against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in Stark County, Ohio, the county in which the Defendants last resided.

Dated: 12/9/97
HONORABLE FRANCIS L. WALSH
District Court Judge

-8-15-22

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE — Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael J. HARMER, a single man and Shanna A. DIX (Original Mortgagors) to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated October 22, 1996 and recorded on October 25, 1996 in Liber 420, on Page 219-226, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., as an assignee by an assignment dated November 14, 1996 which was recorded on January 17, 1997, in Liber 424, on Page 128, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six and 7/100 (\$76,556.71), including interest at 7.50% per annum. Adjustable Rate Mortgage. Interest rate may change on 1/1 of each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, February 18, 1998.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:
Lot 16, EAST BRANCH ESTATES, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 8, 1998
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, Inc.
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
(248) 642-4202
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.,
30150 Telegraph
Suite 100
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025
File # 97120411

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE — Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward L. WARE and Cathryn M. WARE, husband and wife to ROCK FINANCIAL CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated May 31, 1997 and recorded on June 11, 1997 in Liber 431, on Page 192, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the EQUITY ONE CREDIT CORPORATION, as an assignee by an assignment dated December 2, 1997 which was recorded on December 3, 1997, in Liber 442, on Page 456, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve and 70/100 dollars (\$190,812.70), including interest at 11.725% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on February 18, 1998.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:
PARCEL 15: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 19 for a Point of Beginning; thence S 0 degrees 06 minutes 15 seconds E along Section line 331.23 feet; thence N 89 degrees 57 minutes 03 seconds W 1318.63 feet; thence N 0 degrees 07 minutes W along 1/8th line 332.0 feet to the 1/8th corner; thence S 89 degrees 55 minutes E, along the Section line 1318.7 feet to the Point of beginning, being part of the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4, Section 19, T25N, R2W.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 8, 1998
EQUITY ONE CREDIT CORPORATION
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

(248) 642-4202
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for EQUITY ONE CREDIT CORPORATION
30150 Telegraph
Suite 100
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025
File # 97119167

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

ROBERT A. TREMIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE — Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by PEGGY S. RICE AND COREY D. RICE, JOINT TENANTS to AAA MORTGAGE & FINANCIAL CORPORATION, A MICHIGAN CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated September 18, 1996 and recorded on October 16, 1996 in Liber 419, on Page 428, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION, by an assignment dated September 18, 1996 which was recorded on April 8, 1997, in Liber 427, on Page 551, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty Eight and 23/100 dollars (\$48,448.23), including interest at 12.500% per annum, with adjustable rate rider.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on February 18, 1998.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, CRAWFORD county, Michigan and are described as:
Commencing at the Southwest corner of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Thence North 233.0 Feet for the place of beginning, Thence North 100.0 Feet, Thence West 150.0 Feet to the Place of beginning. Being part of the north 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 8, 1998
CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage
Robert A. Tremin & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodard Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
File # 2666469

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION CRAWFORD COUNTY Notice of Hearing to Identify Father and Determine or Terminate His Rights

File No. 97-0012-AD
In the matter of Joshua Andrew Steffes, adoptee
TO: Bruce Podolski
107 Valleyview (LKA)
Grayling, MI 49738

TAKE NOTICE: On Thursday, February 19, 1998 at 10:30 a.m. in the probate courtroom, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling MI, before Judge John G. Hunter a hearing will be held to determine the identity of the father of the above named child who was born 12/17/93 at Grayling, MI to Yvonne Darla Steffes, who has joined with her husband in a petition for adoption.

At the hearing the rights of the father shall be determined or terminated. YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING SHALL CONSTITUTE A DENIAL OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE CUSTODY OF THE CHILD, WHICH SHALL RESULT IN THE COURT'S TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

Dated: January 15, 1998
Penny A. Shepherd,
Deputy clerk

NOTICE POSITION ON THE CRAWFORD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are accepting applications from county residents interested in serving on the County Planning Commission. This appointment requires attendance of monthly meetings to discuss community issues which encompass the planning and growth of our community. This appointment will require effort and dedication to achieve quality success in community requirements for Crawford County growth.

Applicants are to be residents of Crawford County and may submit applications through January 30, 1998, to: Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds
1/5/98

FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of January 25-31

ARIES

March 21-April 20

Don't allow others to speak for you this week. You have enough resolve to do what needs to be done. Take no for an answer just this once. There is a light at the end of your workload tunnel... and this time it's not a train.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

Clear your desk of all the old projects you know you're not actually going to get around to completing. It's time for a fresh start, and this chore will prepare you for the big picture you're going to need to see.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

Your happiness is going to be based on how you treat your surroundings this week. Don't wait to clean up the little messes. If you allow yourself 10 extra minutes on an important job, it will pay off. A friend will provide some insightful information to ponder.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

No time like the present to deal with ongoing worries. Your fear about the future shouldn't cause you to falter in your determination to complete your job this week. Look ahead with open eyes, though, and don't bury your head in the sand about what's coming.

LEO

July 23-August 23

A golden opportunity presents itself to you this weekend. Don't be afraid. The timing may not be perfect, but it's going to be worth it. Your only regret may be if you don't make the attempt to be part of this new scheme. A rainbow presents itself on the horizon.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Take the plunge into an area you've been thinking about recently. You have the abilities that you're questioning. Don't listen to the naysayers who claim you'll only find failure in this new venture. Expect a surprise by the week's end.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

Financially, you have some problems coming early in the week. Don't worry about them too much, just plan ahead. You could cut some expenses and not suffer any consequences. Don't be afraid to ask for help in this area.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Emotional shrapnel is headed your way. Be a strong shoulder for the one sending the alarm, but don't take on their responsibilities. You have enough to handle as it is.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

Look for a new way to handle your frustrations. You have some issues that you'll have to deal with in order to be effective at work. Take some time off and catch up on reading. There's a book that could make the difference if you'll just pick it up.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Don't attempt to be a peacemaker this week. You'll only infuriate the parties involved in the fight even more. Instead, put yourself in bystander mode. You need to see what's going on to protect yourself, but don't get involved right now. Next week will be different, though.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

Someone who is very important to you is about to make a mistake that could cost you both. Don't wait until it's too late to voice your concern. Also remember to say thank you to the people who deserve it. They'll appreciate it even more than you'll know.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

A very important negotiation involving you may be headed the wrong way. Don't be afraid to lay your cards on the table and wait for the results. Your fortune is headed for an upswing, if you'll listen to your head instead of your friends.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Curried barley & chicken bake

(Makes 4 servings)

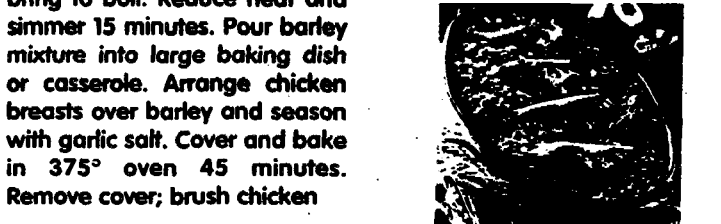
1 T olive oil
1/2 C. chopped onion
1/2 C. chopped red bell pepper
1/2 C. chopped green bell pepper
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
1 med. tart green apple, chopped
1-2 T curry powder

Heat oil in large skillet; saute onion, bell peppers and garlic 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add chopped apple and curry powder; saute 4 minutes longer. Stir in barley and chicken broth; bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes. Pour barley mixture into large baking dish or casserole. Arrange chicken breasts over barley and season with garlic salt. Cover and bake in 375° oven 45 minutes. Remove cover; brush chicken

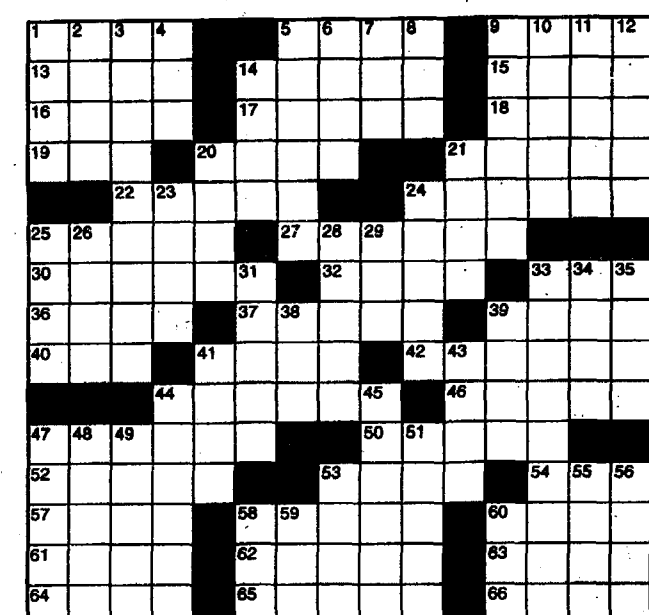
1 C. pearl barley
2 1/2 C. chicken broth
4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1/2 t. garlic salt
3 T orange marmalade or apricot jam

with marmalade. Continue to bake, uncovered, 15 minutes longer. Remove from oven and let stand 5 minutes before serving.

Each serving: 431 calories, 8g fat, 68mg cholesterol, 850mg sodium, 59g carbohydrates, 34g protein, 9g fiber.



CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Worth, Texas
5. Tarnale base
9. Sonic
13. "Little White Duck" singer
14. Model Elaine
15. Nastase of tennis
16. Clammy
17. Beneath
18. Delta builder
19. Bravo, for a bullfighter
20. Contends
21. Cut in two
22. Clutch
24. Roman statesmen
25. Doesn't depart
27. Cultured milk
30. Spectators at an Army-Navy game
32. Drill
33. Auditor's initials
36. Malt beverages
37. Cries
39. Take it on the
40. Literary monogram
41. Mind: Lat.
42. My Sister
44. Heavy
46. Legume, old-style
47. Filled pastry
50. Famed moralist
52. Put arow
53. Port of Hawaii

DOWN

54. Mouse sighter's cry
57. Summoned the butler
58. Face coverings
60. Splendor in the Grass screenwriter
61. Coat rack
62. Assert
63. Actor Harry Stanton
64. Before rock or tack
65. The line
66. Expands
26. Rangy
28. More than overweight
29. Republican initials
31. Take an oath
33. Brought into contempt
34. Toddler's muddy creations
35. Actress Archer
38. Remnant
39. Antony's love, for short
41. My: Ger.
43. fact
44. Brought up the rear
45. Fastened with brads
47. Soil
48. Heidi's friend in Frankfurt
49. Passenger ship
51. In some other way
53. Bring on board
55. Mild expletive
56. Roosevelt and Norton
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59. Vanity
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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO January 16, 1975

Board of Commissioners take oath administered by County Clerk Leo E. Lovely at Mercy Hospital where newly elected chairman of the board, Fred Kauffman, District 7, is recuperating from surgery. Other Commissioners Rolla Failing, District 5; Patrick Harwood, District 2; Joseph LaGrow, District 3; Dean Welch, District 1; Edward Lowrie, District 6, and Kenneth Carlisle, District 4.

Governor William G. Milliken appointed District Judge William A. Porter of Gaylord as Circuit Judge which includes Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties.

The Frank LaMotte family had their annual Christmas Eve family reunion at the family home on State street. There were 48 family members present. Mrs. Lewis Stinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Williams (Sammy LaMotte) called from Virginia, and Mrs. Isabella Schwartz, another of Frank's daughters, called from Detroit. Mrs. Schwartz visited the family briefly on Dec. 31.

Jerry Annis of MTU and friend, Jan Wardecke of Cedar Lake spent a week over the New Years visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Annis. Anita Annis of Traverse City also visited for a couple of days over New Years. A son, Bobby John, was born to Mrs. Betty Lownsberry at Mercy Hospital on Jan. 4. He weighed nine pounds and seven ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jorgenson of Roscommon are the parents of a boy, James Samuel, Jr., born Jan. 9, and weighing seven pounds and nine and one half ounce.

46 YEARS AGO January 17, 1952

A single point meant victory for the Grayling High Vikings over

Mancelona here last Tuesday night and defeat Friday night at the local gym at the hands of Marion.

CAMP La JUENE, N.C. — After completing a year of active duty with the Marines, Sgt. Robert N. LaChappelle, 27, son of Mrs. Cecile Church of Grayling, has been released to inactive duty under a release program inaugurated by the Marine Corps last June.

Home Extension Group III enjoyed their annual holiday party at the home of Mrs. Carl E. Johnson Thursday evening with Mrs. Fred Bishaw and Mrs. Elner Rasmussen assisting as co-hostesses. Gifts were exchanged and a lovely lunch served.

Roy O. Milnes, Jr., and Bill Cox have enrolled at Michigan State College. The latter spent the past weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cox.

69 YEARS AGO January 17, 1929

Winter sports are active again after being blocked by heavy snow storms of the past week.

The "City fathers" have chosen a wise course for keeping the highway open for traffic by having streets plowed for the removal of snow. Now it is possible for autos to reach practically all streets in the village.

The girls' basketball team defeated Roscommon 40-10. On the team are E. Swanson, I. Randolph, L. Swanson, M. Schumann, C. Bugby, and E. Matson.

Paul Hendrickson has returned to Ft. Wayne, Ind. to continue his studies at the Anthony Wayne Institute.

Mrs. P. P. Mahoney of Bay City was in Grayling the last of the week on business, a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McClain.

Miss Fedora Montour, who is practicing her profession in Ann Arbor, spent Sunday with her parents.

Edward Waldron of Standish is

making an indefinite stay with his son Charles. A pioneer resident of the county, he formerly resided on the property now owned by Hugo Schriber.

For a local firm to get an order from a distant place is quite out of the ordinary, but as George Burke, of the local Ford agency, seemed to be the only agent in the universe who had a new Ford Tractor on hand, he got an order recently from Nova Scotia.

Bernice Palmer celebrated her birthday Tuesday by inviting in several of her cousins to spend the evening.

The school building at McBain burned to the ground Saturday with nearly all the contents.

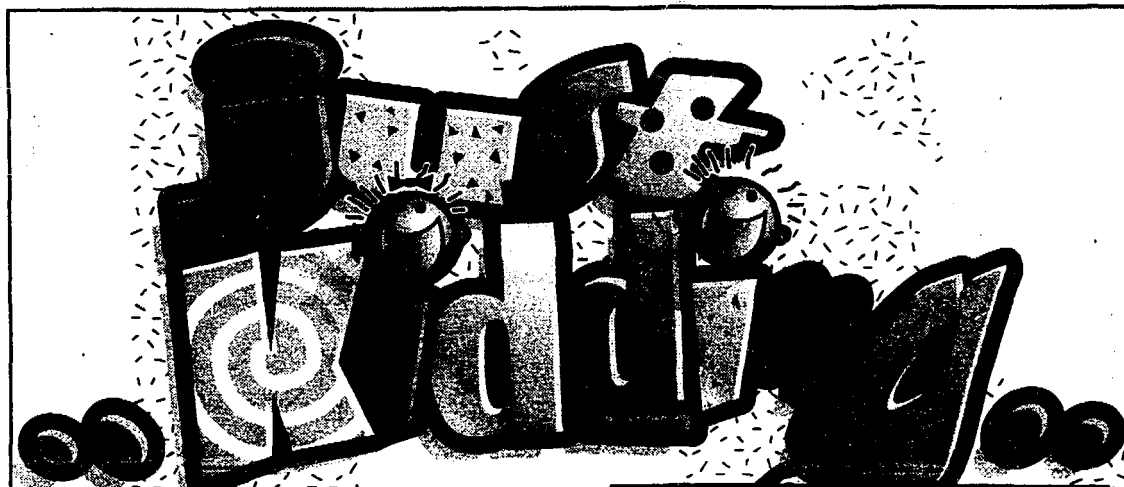
92 YEARS AGO January 18, 1905

Miss Hanson, a cousin of Wilhelm Raabe, arrived from Denmark Tuesday morning.

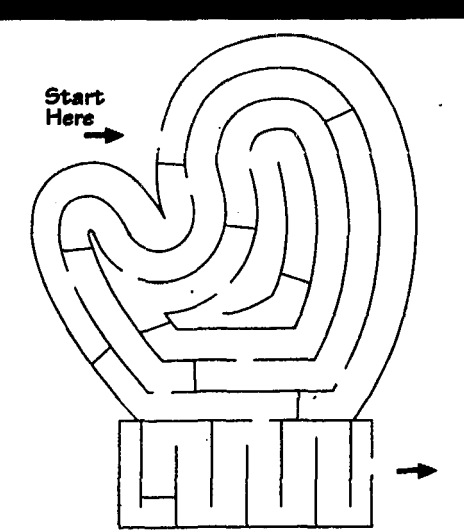
The "January thaw" which struck us Saturday night continued with a light rain Sunday and more Monday but caught cold at night and Tuesday could be called a snowy, blizzard day, but welcomed by the woodsmen, who are handling wood and logs.

The following officers of the ladies of the G. A. R. were installed last Friday evening: President, Mrs. Matilda Smith; S.V., Mrs. Henrietta Countryman; J.V., Mrs. John Little; chaplain, Mrs. Sarah Corwin; Treasurer, Mrs. Annie Harrington; Secretary, Miss May Smith; Con., Mrs. Della Wilson; Asst. Con., Mrs. Bertha Oaks; guard, Mrs. N. Shellenbarger.

The W. R. C., No. 162 have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. H. Trumley; S. V., Mrs. C. T. Jerome; J.V., Mrs. L. Fournier; treasurer, Mrs. C. W. Wight; secretary, Mrs. L. Winslow; Con., Mrs. Jos. Burton; chaplain, Mrs. William Woodfill; guard, Mrs. A. Kraus.



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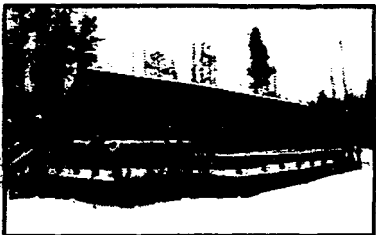
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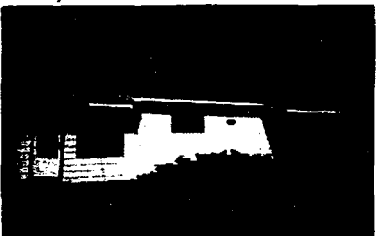
SHERWOOD FOREST An excellent location, close to town, with paved roads, natural gas and cable TV. Wooded parcel generous in size. Home features three bedrooms, one bath, newer carpeting, deck, split-rail fence and a large dining and living room area. \$89,900. CH-652



100' OF FRONTAGE ON BEAUTIFUL CUB LAKE! ENTERTAINING IS PART OF THE REAL JOY OF OWNING THIS LAKEFRONT HOME. Three to four bedrooms, two baths, 1,824 sq. ft., open floor plan dramatizes kitchen, dining room and living room. Walk-out doorways onto deck with fantastic view of Cub Lake. Kitchen offers breakfast bar, lazy susan. Cub Lake is a 53-acre lake with good swimming and fishing, and a sandy bottom. \$149,000. CS-685



AUSABLE RIVER MAINSTREAM WITH SECLUDED ACRES. Very secluded riverfront getaway, yet close to Grayling's amenities. Approximately 220' Ausable River frontage on both sides of river. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, washer, dryer, picnic table and canoe all included. Two downfalls onto large front deck. Vaulted ceilings in great room. Master bedroom suite with full bath. New roof in 1997. Spacious front yard with excellent view of river. \$3,900. CH-639



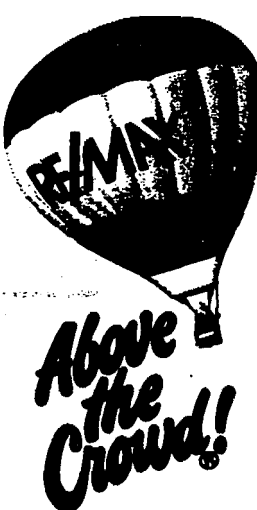
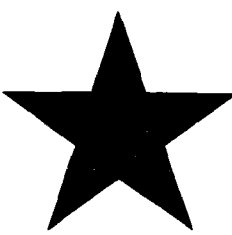
LOOKING FOR A SMALL, WELL-PRICED HOME FOR YOUR FAMILY? Check this one: 1,032 sq. ft., three bedrooms, one bath, large double lot with cyclone fenced yard and large yellow tree for the kids to play in. Very neat and clean. Natural gas heat, cable TV, close to town, schools and shopping. \$40,500. CS-641



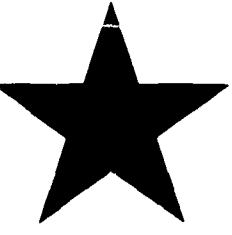
256' FRONTAGE ON AUSABLE RIVER Sellers are licensed builders and have several finish options. Exterior finished, 1/2-log siding with butt & pass corners, Andersen windows, skylite in master bedroom. Silestone stain. Shell status interior, interior partitions, no well, septic, plumbing, heating. Cedar decking, 8x40 covered deck, 2,104 sq. ft. including dormer in master bedroom. \$99,800. CH-684



RANCH-STYLE HOME nestled amongst virgin pines on approximately 1 acre +/-, Features include 917 sq. ft., LP forced-air heat, 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, woodstove in living room, walk-out patio door off dining area onto deck. Dishwasher, garbage disposal & washer/dryer included. Blacktop drive, 2-car detached garage. New plumbing, electric & furnace, roof 4 years old. Thousands of acres federal land with Wekiva Lake across the road. Ausable River 1/2 mile, country store 1 1/2 miles. Reduced, \$64,800. CS-621



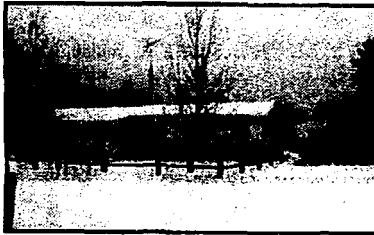
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NEW CONSTRUCTION - IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! Quality craftsmanship - custom ranch - all built upon a choice wooded parcel with no thru traffic. Great room features vaulted ceilings, island bar, doorwall onto a 12x20 deck, master bedroom suite, oak cabinets, hot-water baseboard heat, covered front porch, and driveway with apron. \$99,900. CH-659



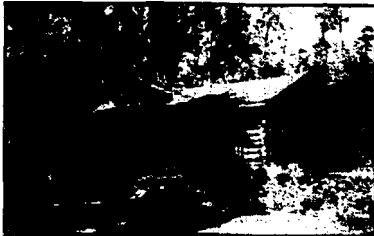
COUNTRY PURE AND SIMPLE This 1,352 sq. ft. home offers gas heat, two bedrooms, one bath. Oak kitchen cabinets with two lazy susans, walk-in pantry, water softener, large living room/dining room combination, two bay windows, new 8x12 shed, 28x14 carport. Air conditioning. County maintained road. \$54,000. CS-666



FIVE ACRES WITH EASY ACCESS TO AUSABLE RIVER Spacious!!! Built for care-free retirement/recreational use. Roof over mobile, steel doors, vinyl replacement windows, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer, dryer included. Gravel circle drive, concrete apron & sidewalks, fenced garden, heated garage, carport, garage/barn, woodshed and storage building. Land Contract terms available. \$51,900. CH-700



SECLUDED RIVERFRONT HOME OFFERS 1,600 SQ. FT. Two bedrooms with hardwood floors, living room offers knotty pine walls, two garages, two basements with separate entrances, cyclone-fenced yard, fenced garden area, beautiful mixture of trees with babbling creek running through, 100' on the famed 'Holy Waters' of the Ausable Mainstream, on 3.63 acres. Reduced to \$5,000. CS-493



COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY STATE LAND IDEAL HUNTING AND SNOWMOBILE LODGE. Self-sufficient with generator, gas refrigerator and range. Snowmobile trail less than 100' from boundary. Two miles west of Higgins Lake. Approximately three miles to trail head. Custom knotty one kitchen cabinets, rec. room is 21x30 with built-in bar, pool table, cathedral ceiling with open staircase. Log railings, trim, beams. Truly the unique get-away! \$59,500. CH-696



TALKING HOUSE

180' AUSABLE RIVER FRONTAGE this beautiful home has approximately 180' of Ausable River frontage and 150' of road frontage, and is a 1 1/2-story with a walk-out basement. Interior has wainscoting, paneling & sheet rock, with Andersen and Acon windows. Kitchen has ceramic tile at entrance, with french doors. Reduced, \$225,000. CS-287

1. Real Estate

AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES Large wooded lots, a log home association development. Park, cable, underground utilities, near Ausable River and Kneff Lake. Land contract terms by owner. Contact 517-348-7355. Grayling. 12/29/97tf/1

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE BY OWNER Private setting, less than one block from Lake Margrethe. Four bedrooms, two baths, finished basement, two garages, large lot. Adjacent lots also available. \$120,000 O.B.O. Call 348-5104. 22-29-5/1

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE Grayling City home with garage, immediate occupancy, 135 Fulton. \$32,500. 517-348-4408. 1/22/98tf/1

HUNTING CAMP 10-80 acres w/ cabins, can divide. Surrounded by state land, \$14,000 - \$112,000. N. Grayling, MI. Financing possible. 616-947-1990. 11/20/97tf/1

FOR SALE BY OWNER In town, low maintenance house, two bedroom, one bath, kitchen with dining area. Full furnished basement, bedroom, den, family room, kitchen. All new appliances, carpet, window treatments. Lots of storage area. For details call 1-616-592-0320. LRI/21/98/1

FOR SALE OR RENT Two-three bedroom, vinyl sided, partial log home. New 4" well, furnace and carpet. Near Ausable River state land. Contact 517-348-7355. 12-4-97tf/1

AUSABLE RIVER home on Wendy Lane. Lovely four bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Chalet. Fireplace, attached 1 1/2 car garage, furnished. Beautiful setting on 10 acres with 175 ft. frontage. Owner very anxious. Reduced to \$139,000. Call Hamrick Real Estate Co. P.C. Phone or fax. 517-348-5433, evenings 348-8336. 12/18/97tf/1

JUST COMPLETED THREE BEDROOM, 1 1/2 bath, two car garage, natural gas heat, two miles from Grayling, \$85,000. 333 Redwing Terrace. Call 348-8945 or 348-4068. -10/23/97tf/1

PRICE REDUCED, \$39,500, two bedroom, one bath, vacant, 300 Huron St. (one block from Cornell Insurance on M-72 East), was \$44,500. 348-4055. 11/13/97tf/1

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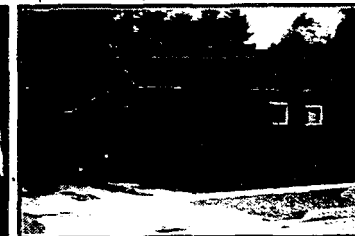
COZY, ENERGY EFFICIENT, two-bedroom home close to Grayling High School. New deck, roof, siding and storm doors. Must see to appreciate. Priced to sell with added bonus! 2 FREE ROUND-TRIP AIRLINE TICKETS within contiguous US and/or Canada to buyer upon closing. \$54,000. #JG-532



WELL-MAINTAINED HOME on 1.74 acres; excellent location on paved road. Heated sunroom with dog door. Attached garage with storage area, and access to large crawl space under entire house. New roof in 1997. Exterior painted in 1997, except some trim. Separate garage/storage building (22x38) with tool room. New septic in 1992. \$67,000. #JC-691



THREE-BEDROOM MOBILE close to the city of Grayling. Handyman special on 60x120 lot, for only \$8,000. #JG-395



705 MAPLE Nice three-bedroom, one-bath home in the city. 1,236 sq. ft., basement. Natural gas forced-air heat, new paint on exterior. Close to schools, shopping and churches. \$47,500. #JC-636

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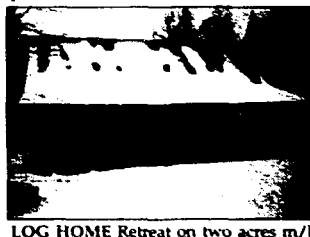
ROOM TO GROW in this newer 3-bedroom, 1.5-bath home, with a full walk-out basement, 2-car attached garage, on 120' x 250' wooded lot, gardens & small pond. Priced to sell, \$65,000. (KM-22)



M-72 EAST OF GRAYLING five miles is the location of this modern one-bedroom cabin. Includes stove and refrigerator. Close access to state land and Ausable River. Owner financing. \$21,900. (DL-99)



FAMILY HOME on three acres, three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, wood heater, newer carpet, septic, roof and updating. Garage and workshop, lots of room with over 2,100 sq. ft. \$89,000. Reduced, \$63,000. (DL-66)



LOG HOME Retreat on two acres m/l with unique features to capture the "northern Michigan" atmosphere. Close to snowmobile trails and within walking distance to Manistee Lake. \$114,800. (KJL-39)



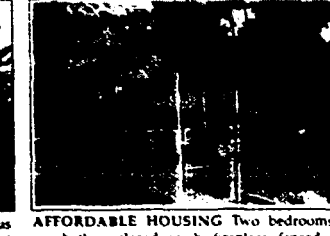
COMMERCIAL FRONTAGE on M-72 West, between Grayling and M-93. Two-bedroom mobile included. 50x152 lot - ideal location for a small business, or use as rental income. \$16,500. (FS-42)



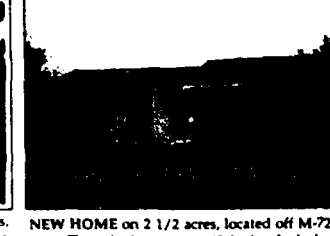
SPACIOUS FIVE-BEDROOM, three-bath, newly-remodeled home nestled amongst red pines, situated on 10 acres. Recently developed golf course within three miles from home. Located on paved road. Immediate occupancy \$74,000. (LJK-30)



DOUBLE CORNER LOT is the location of this two-bedroom, two-bath home with a partial basement, enclosed porch, two-car garage and handicap ramp. Enclosed heated 10x40 lap pool. \$62,000. (LM-RC-957)



AFFORDABLE HOUSING Two bedrooms, one bath, enclosed porch, fireplace, fenced-in yard, two-car garage. 14x14 heated guest house. Located on over one acre, with state land across the road. \$44,800. (LJK-32)



NEW HOME on 2 1/2 acres, located off M-72 East. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Includes stove and refrigerator. Near state land, snowmobile trails and the Ausable River. \$63,900. (FS-44)



AUSABLE RIVER FLIES-ONLY Secluded location in the Holy Water. 546 ft. frontage, small pond and creek, foot bridge to island. Three bedrooms, two baths, fireplace, enclosed porch. Includes appliances. Large trees and an excellent view. Land Contract Terms. \$199,500. (LXI-936)



ROOM TO ROAM Six-bedroom home with two baths, 30x30 pole barn garage, and a small guest house or workshop. Twenty acres with large hardwoods, apple orchard and thousands of planted pines near the river. Adjoins state land. \$149,000. (DL-34)



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1. Real Estate

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2. For Rent

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8115 INSLEY two bedroom cabin near Lake Margerthe. Stove, refrigerator, well lighted, snow plow, rubbish container. Utilities not included. No pets. Phone, Guy, 348-5998.
-22/2

RENTAL 12x65, two bedroom, furnished mobile home. \$350. Grayling Mobile Home Estates. Security deposit required. No pets. Non smokers only. Call 517-348-5311.
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FOR RENT clean two bedroom home in Grayling. \$380/month, plus utilities. Security deposit required. No smokers or pets please. 348-8425.
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FOR RENT two bedroom with appliances and washer/dryer. Two car garage. No pets. \$400 plus deposit. 348-2418.
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HOUSE FOR RENT in Grayling. One bedroom, all appliances, two car garage. \$425 per month plus security deposit. 348-5372. No pets.
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CABIN FOR RENT: on the river. Nightly or weekly. 517-348-8350. 9/9/97tf/2

FOR RENT: Small efficiency unit for single working person, furnished, includes utilities cable hook-up. \$320 per month deposit \$160 call 348-5433. Evenings, 348-8336.
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ROOM FOR RENT Full house privileges. \$250 month plus share utilities. Call Larry, 348-3297.
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TWO BEDROOM HOUSE on Ottawa Street. \$400 per month. Northwood Rentals, 517-275-5225.
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ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX Spruce Street. \$350 per month. Northwood Rentals, 517-275-5225.
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NEAT AND WELL MAINTAINED Two bedroom apartment at 201 Fulton. Security light and door, upper level. \$425. One bedroom lower level apartment at 401 Ing-ham. \$350, Section 8 accepted. Single person and senior discounts available. Call Ron at, 348-6761. 12/31/97tf/2

3. Employment

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TANK WASHER Suttles Trucking, a nationwide tank carrier, has a position for a tank washer at it's Grayling, MI terminal. Some mechanical experience is a plus. Suttles offers excellent pay and benefits that include medical, dental, optical, short term disability and a 401k. This benefit package is a no cost to employees. Suttles will train the selected applicant for this position, if no prior tank wash experience. If you would like to become an important member of "American's Best", apply at 2074 Industrial Drive, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
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MAKE YOUR OWN precious porcelain doll. Call "Dolls by Barbara", 348-8350 for appointment.
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3. Employment

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Northeast Michigan Consortium is extending the deadline for proposals to fabricate and install signs on Michigan Works! offices in the counties of Alcona, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle. The new bid deadline is February 20, 1998. Signs must be constructed in accordance with city ordinances and must meet building owner approval. For specifications and further information, contact Jerilyn Hyde, (517) 733-8548, Northeast Michigan Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, MI 49765

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Workforce Development Board of Northeast Michigan Consortium has prepared the final Employment Service Plan for the period 2/2/98 through 6/30/99.

Total Employment Service funds planned are \$427,898.00.

A copy of the Plan is available and may be reviewed at Northeast Michigan Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Please address questions or comments to Terry L. Basel, Program Coordinator. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), the information contained in this public notice will be made available in alternative format (large type, audio tape, etc.) upon special request.
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7. Miscellaneous

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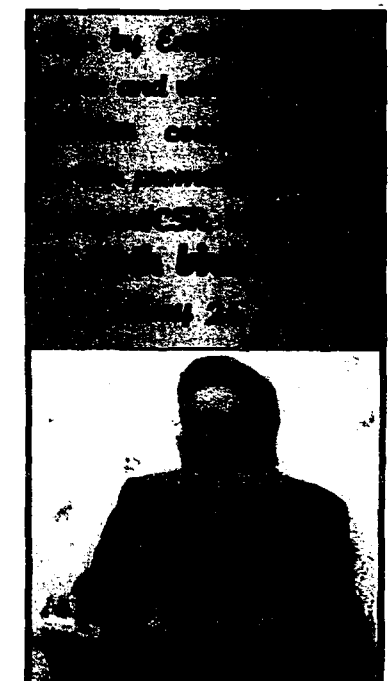


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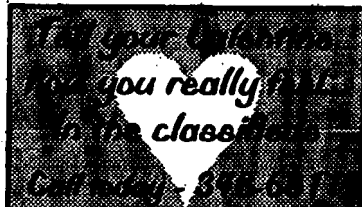
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11. Automotive

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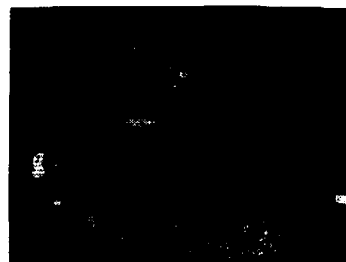
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1,920 Square Foot Home, located close to Lake Margrethe, features five bedrooms, two bathrooms, living room and family room. \$83,500. #4191. Ask for John Kuszak!



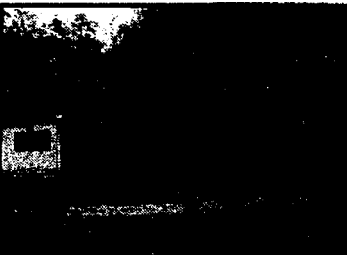
City Home Located Close to the Middle School Built in 1994 is this three-bedroom, two-bathroom home. Comes with all the appliances, a sliding glass door to back deck and a covered front porch. \$57,500. #4089. Ask for Connie Winans!



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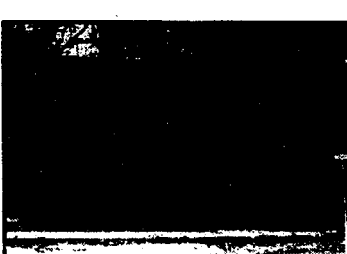
Very Nice Property and Mobile Home with two additions. Featuring 11.7 acres, covered porch and two-car garage. \$57,900. #4154. Ask for Debbie Bondar!



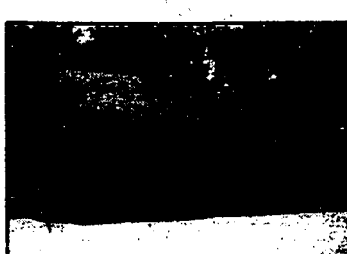
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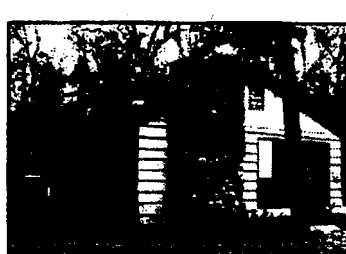
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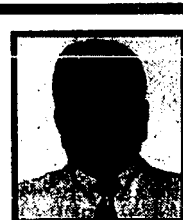
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